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SHANGHAI SHELLING.

Powers' Warning to Chinese Generals.

DEMONSTRATION IN CONCESSION.

Chang Tsung-chang Takes Over Kiangsu's Defence.

The Shanghai shelling incident is the subject of a Note from the Powers to the Chinese authorities requiring the latter to respect the Concession's neutrality.

A demonstration by house boys and others took place yesterday, but the crowd's tempers were much less excited and virulent. Sun Chuan-fang being virtually eliminated as a factor in the war, Chang Tsung-chang has taken over the defence of Kiangsu.

SHANGHAI SHELLING.

Powers' Note To Chinese Authorities.

In view of the situation at Shanghai, the diplomatic representatives of the Foreign Powers there have handed the Chinese Authorities the following note (released for publication today):—

The Diplomatic Body to-day unanimously adopted the following declaration:—

In the light of military events which are at present taking place in the region of Shanghai, and which may at any moment have serious consequences for the safety of the life and property of their respective nationals, as was apparent from the bombardment of the 22nd of this month, the Interested Diplomatic Representatives feel compelled to recall that the International Settlement at Shanghai like the other Concessions in China, was established in virtue of the regular agreements with the Chinese Government, in order to make it possible for foreigners to reside there freely and carry on their trade.

Strict Neutrality.

In the course of the party strife of which that region has been the scene, the Authorities of the International Settlement have scrupulously abstained from favouring any of the conflicting parties involved, and in spite of the difficulties of the situation, they are still maintaining in that respect the strict neutrality imposed upon them by the nature of affairs thus established.

The Interested Diplomatic Representatives are thus warranted in expecting on the part of the Chinese Authorities the observance of the same rule of conduct, and they look to the heads of the Armies involved to take all measures necessary to avoid incidents which would constrain the foreign authorities themselves to take measures indispensable for ensuring the safety of the persons and property of their nationals.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Procession Through Shanghai Concession.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:—

A demonstration consisting of an enormous meeting and including the Chinese staffs of foreign firms and house boys, was followed by a procession through the Concession and district yesterday. Although its avowed object was anti-Imperialistic, the "temper" of the crowd were much less virulent and excited.

Crowds of Indian agitators addressed the meeting and undertook to "stir up trouble" among the Indian Regiment in Shanghai.

More Troops at Nanking.

General Chang Tsung-chang (Chang Tso-lin's right hand man) has arrived at Nanking to organize control of Kiangsu province against the Southerners.

More of his troops from Shantung province continue to arrive at Chinkiang.

Sun Chuan-fang himself is still at Nanking. A number of his troops have left Chinkiang in the direction of the Grand Canal.

Kiukiang Losses.

Mr. O'Malley, who arrived in Kiukiang a few days ago to discuss with His Majesty's Consul the question of compensation for losses sustained by foreigners in rioting, has now left with the Consul for Hankow on H.M.S. "Cricket."

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Chang Tsung-Chang's Troops Arriving.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

Three thousand Shantung troops are now here. From Nanking it is understood that 5,000 are coming daily in the next few days for the defence of Shanghai.

General Chang Tsung-chang has now taken over complete military control of Kiangsu.

Retreating troops of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have arrived by train from the front.

Precautions are being taken to keep them outside the Settlements.

All foreigners living in more or less isolated places outside the extended Settlement limits are being brought in in view of the arrival of Sun's retreating troops.—Reuter.

DISASTER AVERTED.

Timely Landing of British Troops.

London, Feb. 24.

The Government has issued a Note of warning to the Soviet Government to remind them that "there were limitations even to the forbearance of Great Britain," said Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Dominions and Colonies, in a speech at Birmingham.

Mr. Amery declared that the events of the last fortnight had made it clear that if the British troops had not been landed at Shanghai a disaster of the first magnitude might at this moment be happening to the great British and foreign communities in the city.—Reuter.

STRIKE OVER.

Earlier Messages From Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

The General Labour Union announces that steps are being taken to call off the strike.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

The Labour Union has issued the following communique: "The general strike has lasted five days and as a result of the self-sacrificing efforts of fellow workers it has met with considerable success. In view of the continued appeals by the merchant-body, the General Labour Union has undertaken to take steps to end the strike for the time being. This, however, does not necessarily mean that the movement is over, because we shall continue our efforts to attain our ideals."—Reuter.

Nearing the End.

A further twenty thousand strikers have resumed since yesterday afternoon, indicating that the strike is near the end. With merchants refusing to heed the Labour Union's call to strike, the complete end is expected soon, as the Labour Union has no funds.

Also it is reported that the Chinese authorities sent agents to the French Concession yesterday and kidnapped a large number of agitators and strike leaders. The French police have no knowledge of the alleged kidnappings.—Reuter.

American Destroyers.

Washington, Feb. 24.

It is officially announced that the destroyers "Hubert," "Non," and "Preble" are going to Shanghai from Manila.

The destroyer "Pruitt" is going to Hong Kong from Cavite.

TROOPS FOR NORTH.

The "Minnesota" Sailing To-day.

"MEGANTIC" GOING DIRECT.

The s.s. "Minnesota," which is still lying in midstream, will be leaving for Shanghai later in the day.

It is now almost definite that the s.s. "Megantic" will be proceeding to Shanghai without calling at Hong Kong and that Major-General Sir John Duncan will not pay an official call here.

The next troopship to arrive in Hong Kong in that event will be

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Last Week's Heavy Toll At Home.

London, Feb. 24.

The deaths from influenza in England and Wales last week numbered 987.—Reuter.

The s.s. "Kildonan Castle" which, according to her rate of progress at the moment, expects to make Hong Kong on Sunday, followed shortly afterwards by the "Kilfauns Castle."

On board the Castle transports are the 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters staff, Divisional Signals, the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment and the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon the B.I. s.s. "Rajula" dropped anchor in the harbour.

Upon inquiring at Headquarters House, the "China Mail" learnt that the vessel's arrival in the Colony was unexpected and, at the moment of going to press, we were only able to ascertain that she was laden with British and Indian troops, the actual regiments not being known. It is understood that the vessel has put into port solely for the purpose of landing four "Tommyes" who require hospital treatment. The vessel will sail for Shanghai this evening.

H.M. transport "Minnesota" left for Shanghai at 2 o'clock prompt.

"TIPS" FOR RACES.

Special "China Mail" Editions Next Week.

Latest gossip about the Hong Kong Jockey Club annual race meeting will be found on page 9 of this issue.

To-morrow (Saturday), "Patrol" will write further notes as to general prospects for the four days.

During race week, there will be special editions of the "China Mail." The last editions of each day will contain the full racing results as in previous years.

On Monday and Tuesday, "Patrol" selections for the following day will be included in the final edition.

LABOUR VICTORY.

RESULT OF A BY-ELECTION AT HOME.

London, Feb. 24.

The by-election at Stourbridge to replace the Conservative Mr. D. P. Pielou, who died recently resulted as follows:—

Mr. Wellock (Labour) ... 18,561
 Mr. Hogbin (Conservative) ... 13,462
 Mr. Edwards (Liberal) ... 9,535
 —Reuter.

and the "Parrot" to Shanghai from Foochow.—Reuter's American Service.

Flour Supplies.

Melbourne, Feb. 24.

The War Office has accepted the New South Wales Millers' Association's tenders for the supply of 112 short tons of Australian flour for Shanghai and 100 tons for Hong Kong. The price has not been divulged.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN MENACE.

Communist Agitators In Britain.

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

Rugby, Feb. 24.

The Home Secretary was asked in the House of Commons whether he was aware of the anti-British activities in this country of certain Communist agitators in the pay of the Third International. He replied that this matter was receiving his constant attention, and he was keeping a very close eye on it, and if necessary he would ask for further powers.

Asked about the deportations of Russians, the Home Secretary said that the number of these carried out from the end of the war to the present time was fifty-seven. None of these deportations had occurred during his term of office—since the end of 1924.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, speaking at Birmingham, referred to foreign money coming into this country. He said that the Government had been very forbearing and were anxious to continue so. They wanted to trade with every country, whatever views they held about its internal affairs. But they were entitled to be left alone in their own country. They had therefore felt compelled to issue a Note warning the Soviet that there were limits to the forbearance even of Great Britain.—British Wireless Service.

REDS IN CHILE.

Stern Official Measures Adopted.

Santiago, Feb. 24.

In conformity with the intention of completely suppressing Communism in Chile, the Government has arrested all the Anarchist and Bolshevik leaders, including members of Parliament and has suppressed the extreme newspapers. The arrested men will probably be incarcerated on Easter Island to prevent them spreading propaganda elsewhere.—Reuter's American Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Press Views On Note To Russia.

London, Feb. 24.

The morning papers comment extensively on the British Note to Russia.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Note does not leave room for misunderstanding and continues the course of conduct which the Note denounces will bring about abrogation of the trade agreement and severance of diplomatic relations.

The "Morning Post" says that Sir Austen Chamberlain cannot hope that protests will deflect the Soviet Government from the implacable course of its policy, but the Note does not leave the Government of Moscow with the excuse of pretending it has been faithful to its agreements or that it has not been warned that it is breaking them.

The "Daily News" declares that to expect the Soviets to abandon propaganda of Communism is tantamount to demanding they should cease to exist. The outstanding fact is that we are faced with a militant Communist state which no one really proposes to try to destroy by force of arms.

The "Daily Mail" characterises the Note as an "inoffensive and apologetic sermon" and adds: "We have heard a more formidable sounding given by an elderly lady to her Pekingese in Hyde Park."

The "Westminster Gazette" is of the opinion that the protest may have been ill timed in view of the crisis in China and the recent Chen-O'Malley agreement adds that the tone is not calculated to invite a conciliatory response. In the meantime we must be satisfied to await the reply and consider it on its merits when it arrives.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

TROUBLE CENTRE.

Despatch of a British Cruiser.

NICARAGUA PRECAUTION.

London, Feb. 24.

The British cruiser "Colombo" attached to the West Indies Station has been despatched to Managua.—Reuter.

Rugby, Feb. 24.

The British cruiser "Colombo," which has been ordered to proceed from the West Indies to Managua, will afford shelter for British subjects should they be endangered by further outbreaks of street fighting, incendiarism and pillage in the threatened districts of Nicaragua.

The despatch of the cruiser is purely a precautionary measure taken after the British Charge d'Affaires had been informed by his United States colleague that he was unable to guarantee the safety of British lives and property.

In notifying Washington, the British Government thanked the United States administration for the steps hitherto taken to protect British interests, and stated that they continued to rely on United States assistance.—British Wireless Service.

"Moral Effect."

Washington, Feb. 24.

Sir Esme Howard, formally notifying the State Department that the cruiser "Colombo" will arrive at Corinto on Saturday, added that the warship has been sent for the sake of the "moral effect its presence might have," but in no circumstances would British naval forces be landed.

Sir Esme Howard's communication crossed a Memorandum for the State Department to the British Embassy assuring the British Government that the American naval forces in Nicaraguan waters would extend all proper protection and assistance to British and other foreign nationals in Nicaragua.

An Exchange of Notes.

It is now learned that Sir Esme Howard sent a Note to the State Department on Feb. 19 drawing attention to the menace to British lives and property in Nicaragua and pointing out that British looked to the United States to give Britons in Nicaragua the same protection as Americans.

Mr. Kellogg replied that the United States would give Britons "such protection as may be possible and proper under the circumstances."

It is understood that Sir Esme Howard's representations were largely responsible for sending the strong American reinforcements to Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

[An earlier cable stated:—Mr. Kellogg has made public a telegram from the American Minister at Managua stating that he is informed by the British Charge d'Affaires that Britain contemplated the despatch of a warship to the West coast of Nicaragua "in the absence of a guarantee from the Nicaraguan or the United States Governments for the protection of lives and property of British subjects in the event of further street fighting, incendiarism and pillage in the Republic." Mr. Kellogg commented that Admiral Latimer had been instructed from the beginning to protect foreign as well as American lives.]

WEATHER FORECAST.

The official weather forecast for all local districts till noon to-morrow is:—S.E. winds; generally overcast fog, warmer.

At 11.25 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased considerably from the lower Yangtze Valley to the Loochoos, moderately from Formosa to Tongking and slightly from Luzon to Annam.

Meteorological observations at 8 a.m. to-day: Barometer 29.88; temperature 60; humidity 97; wind E.; force 3; weather overcast.

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NOTICES.

MASONIC SERVICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY, IN HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE R. W. D. G. M. S. C. has received an invitation for members of Scottish Lodges wishing to attend the service in St. John's Cathedral, on SUNDAY, the 27th inst. at 6 p.m. To Assemble with the Brethren of the English Lodges, after robing at the CATHEDRAL HALL, NOT LATER THAN 5.50 p.m.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA, E.C.

MASONIC SERVICE.

THE R. W. D. G. M. desires to remind all Masons in the District, that the Second Annual Masonic Service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on SUNDAY, the 27th inst., at 6 o'clock, and trusts that all will make an effort to attend.

All service Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
The Cathedral Hall will be available for robing, and Brethren are requested to be ready to move in procession not later than 5.50 p.m., under the direction of D. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

LAMMERT BROS.

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Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 25th February, 1927, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

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On View from Thursday, the 24th February, 1927.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1927.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, the 26th Feb., 1927, commencing at 10.45 a.m.

at No. 94 Nathan Road (Davis Building) Ground Floor, Kowloon, A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Feb., 1927.



NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DERBY SWEEP.

THE Non Selling Lottery on "The Hong Kong Derby" will be drawn in the Hong Kong Club Stand at the Race Course on SATURDAY, 26th February, 1927 at 3 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1927.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., 1st and 2nd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

Hong Kong, 23rd Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY 28th February, TUESDAY 1st March, WEDNESDAY 2nd March and SATURDAY 5th March.

By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS & VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1927.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

MEMBERS who have NOT yet PAID their SUBSCRIPTION and ALL THOSE who WISH to JOIN the SOCIETY are requested to SEND \$5 IMMEDIATELY to the Hon. Secretary MR. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927

23th February, 1st, 2nd & 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1. per day.

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1927.

DAMAGE BY FLOOD.

Costs Govt. Nearly \$1,000,000.

EFFECT OF JULY 19, 1926.

Damage by the deluge in Hong Kong on July 19 to Government property is assessed at just under a million dollars.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, there was laid on the table a report by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works, covering the whole matter of rehabilitation.

A brief description is given in the printed report of what occurred. In money the damage will cost \$988,015 of which two thirds was spent last year and the balance will be used this year. Here is an extract of expenditure (in 1926) and anticipated expenditure from the special vote (in 1927).

	1926	1927
Hong Kong	\$567,596	\$280,400
Kowloon	56,174	13,800
New Kowloon	25,992	5,000
New Territories	34,554	4,400

Grand total—\$988,015.

In other words the damage will be distributed territorially thus:—

Hong Kong.	
Buildings	\$ 63,353
Cemeteries	27,101
Roads	209,901
Telephones	600
Drainage	287,593
Lighting	1,554
Miscellaneous	8,000
Piers	2,339
Praya walls	4,561
Recreation grounds	7,675
Retaining walls	12,869
Waterworks	125,500
	\$347,995

Kowloon.	
Buildings	\$ 5,314
Cemeteries	5,000
Roads	33,353
Telephones	120
Drainage	17,054
Recreation grounds	5,183
Retaining walls	2,155
Waterworks	500
	\$69,074

New Kowloon.	
Buildings	\$ 2,325
Roads	14,123
Telephones	40
Drainage	299
Waterworks	14,100
	\$30,992

New Territories.	
Buildings	\$ 6,229
Roads	22,009
Telephones	1,000
Drainage	216
Waterworks	9,000
	\$39,054

HERE AND THERE.

Explanations About Individual Items.

Further details about each item are reproduced below from the report. The principal work to be completed in 1927 is shown under each heading in brackets.

At the very outset, owing to the extent and nature of the damage done, the impossibility of completing the work of reparation by Dec. 31, 1926, was realised and accordingly the sum of \$300,000 had to be provided in the Estimates for 1927, to complete the repairs still remained to be done in the Island of Hong Kong.

In the Kowloon Peninsula, certain reinstatement work was also left unfinished at the close of last year which will have to be completed in 1927, and for which a revote of approximately \$25,000 is being applied for.

ON THE ISLAND.

Buildings.

Ninety-one buildings were affected. Of these the following were appreciably damaged:—

Servants' Quarters at the Peak Hospital; Sheep and Swine Depot, Kennedy Town; Cattle Depot, Kennedy Town; Quarters at Belcher's Street, Shaukiwan; and Market No. 12, Yontris Road; Houses in Wanchai Road.

[The rebuilding of the servants' quarters at the Peak Hospital with the necessary repairs to the bank.]

The extent of damage in other cases was comparatively slight.

Cemeteries.

At the Colonial Cemetery, there was a vast accumulation of debris and silt, and many grave-stones had to be repaired, as well as a brick boundary wall.

At the Chinese Cemetery at Mount Carmel a landslide occurred necessitating the removal of a number of permanent graves, and some terraces were badly scoured. Damage also resulted to paths, bridges and channels, but having regard to the area of this burial ground, the damage may be said to be small.

Another Cemetery at Kai-lung-wan East suffered damage as well but not to the same extent.

Roads.

These suffered severely and in many instances were under a considerable depth of sand and mud. One hundred and nine roads, streets and paths had to be dealt with by the removal of such accumulations and the effecting of the necessary repairs to kerbs, channels and footpaths, and the reinstatement of surfacing.

The principal roads involved were the following:—
Central Road; Connaught Road; West Des Voeux Road; Central Road; West Hill Road; Island Road; Kennedy Road; New Road above Conduit Road; Pedder Street; Queen's Road (East, Central and West); Road from Conduit Road to Robinson Road; Robinson Road;

Shaukiwan Road; Shek O Road; Stubbs Road; Tai Hang Motor Road; Wong-nichong Road.

Fifteen roads and paths still require to receive attention, of which the new road from Conduit Road to Robinson Road is the most costly work entailing an estimated cost of \$13,000.

The damage sustained was not very material, some lines and circuits, and a cable being affected.

Drainage.

The nullahs, storm-water drains, channels and sewers also suffered severely, seventy-eight being damaged or destroyed of which the following were the most important:—

Shaukiwan Nullah; Glenahilly Nullah; Albany Nullah; its tributaries; Nullah at Stone Nullah Lane; Wong-nichong Nullah; Sheklong Nullah.

[The restoration work to the Albany Nullah and its tributaries is the only work of magnitude that has still to be undertaken. The estimated cost inclusive of some minor work is \$150,000.]

Lighting.

Street gas lamps did not escape the fury of the storm, and a number of them sustained damage.

Miscellaneous.

Under this heading are placed the several rock and landlides which were due to the effect of the storm. Buildings of some size fell in Shaukiwan Village, but the conspicuous case was that of the huge boulder which in its descent brought disaster to the Pumping Station at Pokfulam Road, allusion to which has already been made.

[The work which has to be done is the removal of dangerous boulders near the Pumping Station at Pokfulam Road, and in Shaukiwan Village.]

Piers.

The damage occasioned to piers was not considerable. Murray, Queen Victoria Street, Western Market, and Eastern Street Piers were the only ones affected.

Praya Walls.

These escaped serious damage, the expenditure involved being for repointing and resetting stones. The only collapse recorded was a length of 180 feet of the East Return Wall of Quarry Bay Marine Lot No. 4.

But for the vast accumulation of debris washed on to the grounds entailing heavy expenditure for its removal, no material damage was done.

Retaining Walls.

At the proposed new Queen's College site, Mount Carmel, the retaining walls fared badly. The damage occasioned, however, could not wholly be ascribed to the storm of July 19, as the major part of the damage occurred in April, 1926, on the occasion of a previous heavy rainfall.

[The reinstatement of the retaining walls to Queen's College site at Carmel Hill for which a sum of \$8,000 is estimated to be necessary.]

Waterworks.

In this connection, the outstanding feature of the damage sustained was the disaster which befell the Pumping Station at Pokfulam Road. Mains, Filter Beds, and Catchwaters also suffered badly.

[For the reconstruction of the damaged portion of the Pumping Station at Pokfulam Road and the No. 3 Pump, with permanent repairs to roads and mains outside the Station, a sum of \$80,000 is estimated to be required, and for the replacement of the Stanley Mount East and Taitam West Catchwaters a further sum of \$10,000 is required.]

IN KOWLOON.

Buildings.

The extent of damage done to Police Stations, Hospital, Quarters, Schools, etc., was comparatively small, the only cases worthy of mention being:—

The Kowloon Hospital (much damage was done to the surrounding grounds); Disinfecting Station; Gunpowder Depot, Green Island; Royal Observatory. Sixteen buildings were affected.

Cemeteries.

The damage consisted of the washing out of much of the new terracing, the scouring of the walls of an untrained nullah, and the bursting of the old dam at the entrance causing large quantities of earth and stone to be washed out from the bed of the nullah. Considering the extent of the cemetery area, the damage may be regarded as slight.

Roads.

These did not suffer to the same extent as those in the Island. Forty-nine roads, streets and lanes were affected, but apart from the heavy accumulations of earth and mud due to landslides washed on to them, involving heavy cost for removal, the damage sustained by scouring may be regarded as comparatively slight. The roads most affected were:—

Gascoigne Road; Nathan Road; Chatham Road.

[The completion of the outstanding portion of the reparation work may entail the sum of \$15,000.]

Telephones.

Lines and circuits suffered to a very slight extent.

Drainage.

No damage of any importance was caused to the nullahs. Here again the heavy expenditure entailed was due to the removal of the great mass of sand and silt deposited by the water.

The clearance of sand from four nullahs may involve a sum of \$3,500.]

Recreation Grounds.

At King's Park landlides occurred, while embankments and concrete channels sustained damage.

Retaining Walls.

These were not affected, but the turf embankments at the Kowloon Hospital suffered somewhat badly.

Waterworks.

It is satisfactory to record here that only minor damages occurred.

NEW KOWLOON.

Buildings.

No damage of any importance occurred. The premises concerned were the Branch Prisons at Litchikok, and the Police Stations at Kowloon City and Shamshuipo. In the case of the former, the damage affected the Boundary Wall, channels, fence, etc.

Roads.

Only three roads were involved, and the damage caused to them was inconsiderable. A path at Kaulungkong, however, owing to its situation adjacent to a stream course, suffered very badly, and necessitated the expenditure of a somewhat large sum for its reinstatement.

[A sum of \$5,000 is necessary to bring the reparation work to a conclusion.]

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, F. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

STRETCHER BEDS.

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Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1927.

CYMDETHAS DEWI SANT (HONG KONG.)

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savoy on TUESDAY, March 1st, 1927, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests and are requested to inform the undersigned as soon as possible of the number, names and addresses of their guests and to forward at the same time the cost of the tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary.

9, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

NEW TERRITORIES.

Buildings.

As in the case of Kowloon, the small damage was to the lines and circuits.

Drainage.

Only very slight damage occurred. The damage, which affected the embankments, Filter Beds, and the property of the Waterworks generally, was to a fair extent only, but numerous landlides and rock falls occurred at Beacon Hill Catchwater entailing expenditure for removal.

Roads.

Four roads were affected, of which the Coastal Road, which extends from Litchikok to Castle Peak and beyond, received the most damage, but considering its length and its liability to severe damage by flood, the actual harm done may be considered as slight.

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HANKOW MARU Thursday, 3rd March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

RANGOON via SINGAPORE & PENANG.

YAMAGATA MARU Monday, 7th March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MALACCA MARU Tuesday, 1st March.

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The man in charge of a junk which was proved to have been carried off by pirates and in which he put in to Tai O where it was recognised by the son of the rent owner was discharged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, for the defence, said that if the prisoner had guilty knowledge it would be reasonable that he should keep away from British territory but he did not. He went to Cheung Chau openly with the numbers still on the boat and applied for a new licence. He had been assured by the Chinese official from whom he bought the boat that it had been seized because it had been engaged in salt smuggling.

With regard to the man's statement, when cross-examined by the Police Sgt. in charge at Tai O, that the junk had been in his family for years, counsel submitted that it was a natural action for a man to tell a lie if by doing so he thought he would soon be freed. As soon as he was arrested and the charge put, the man took the first opportunity of stating that he did not steal it but bought it from the Chinese official.

On the grounds that the prosecution had failed to make out their case as to there having been a theft in China, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" which they did and the man was discharged.

SEAMEN'S ORDEAL.

DIED OF EXPOSURE ON ENGLISH COAST.

The Bristol Coroner conducted an inquest on the victim of the Walton Bay accident, Raymond Trench (24), a seaman of the steamship "Novadoc," lying off Clevedon, who was found unconscious among the rocks beneath Church Hill, Clevedon, on Wednesday evening after the foundering of a small boat in which he and four other seamen

COALING CEASES.

Vessels Diverted From Colombo.

Colombo, Feb. 24. Coaling has ceased owing to the harbour dispute and vessels are being diverted. The troopship "Hermias" has proceeded to Singapore to coal.

were returning from Portlashed to their ship. The four survivors scrambled ashore, pulling Trench with them, but had to leave him behind while they sought assistance.

David Lewis, second mate of the "Novadoc," said he launched a rowing boat to proceed to Portlashed for provisions. He was the steersman, while the four other seamen rowed. They reached Portlashed, and having obtained provisions, started back at one o'clock.

The sea became very nasty, and realising that it was almost impossible to reach the ship, he headed for the shore. Darkness fell, and the boat became full of water. The owners got too numb to pull, and all the rowlocks were lost except one. They were then helpless. All hands were set to bailing the boat out while the witness, with the remaining crew, tried to steer round to the wind. Close to the shore he missed the boat and another man, and concluded they must

have jumped overboard. The boat was then approaching the rocks very fast. As he and the other two could swim he thought it best they should also jump overboard, but Trench refused, and had to be pulled over the bow. Plunging into the water, and half washed, half swimming, they reached the shore, dragging Trench with them.

They were too exhausted to stand, but eventually pulled Trench clear of the water. The witness then clambered up the cliffs, ultimately making his way to the police station. He stopped at several places beforehand, but no one would have anything to do with him, apparently thinking he was a tramp. He gave the police particulars as to where to find Trench, who was too exhausted to accompany them.

Constable Wilfred Fuller related how, with another officer, he proceeded to the foreshore, passing on the way three other exhausted seamen. After a search among the rocks he discovered Trench, unconscious and nearly lifeless. Artificial respiration was applied, and Trench's pulse improved. After half an hour he came, and he was removed to the Cottage Hospital, but died before arrival.

Medical evidence was given that death was due to exposure, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The Coroner and jury commended the two police officers for their attention to Trench.

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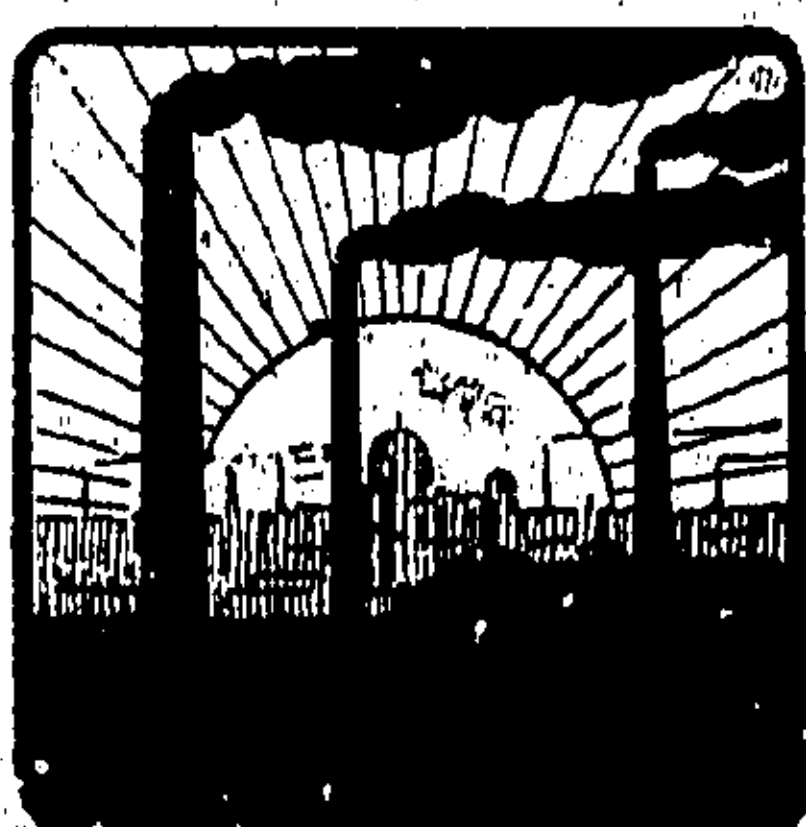
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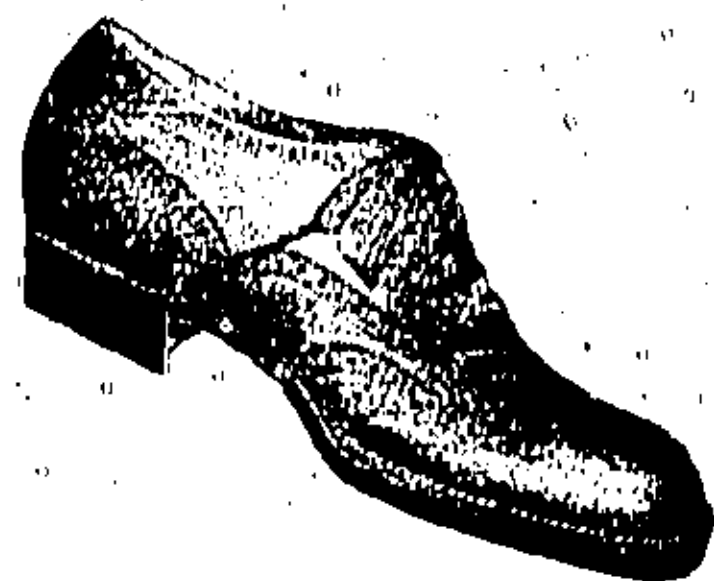
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Hong Kong, Friday, Feb. 25, 1927.

SHANGHAI STRIKE.

It was not expected from the first that the general strike in Shanghai would be of long duration, in spite of the Jeremiahs by those afflicted with the "popular malady" known as "cold feetitis." Five days have sufficed to bring home to the General Labour Union the futility of carrying on the strike in view of the numerous disaffections daily and of the stern measures of repression of agitators taken by the Chinese authorities.

The position now does not necessarily call for a war whoop of exultation. The declaration of the Labour Union that the strike is being called off in deference to the continued appeals of the merchant body is, of course, a kind of "save face" policy. But the fact that they have called it off is a tribute to their common sense—too rare a virtue in labour leaders to be deprecated when it does rise to the surface. They have realised in good time that it was not the psychological moment for a general strike to be fully successful. They may, as they say, continue their efforts to "attain their ideals"—whatever these may be—but meantime they are to be commended for "cutting their losses" and ordering the workers to return to their posts. Indeed, the celerity with which these same workers have been returning during the past three days is clear proof that the general strike was not from the beginning a popular movement with the mass of workers and that only the flat of the Labour Union influenced them in "downing tools" last Saturday.

ARMS ON A LINER.

A Chinese has been arrested on "Empress of Asia" and will be charged this afternoon with possessing nine mauler pistols and 8,600 rounds of ammunition. The Police also discovered an automatic and 200 rounds on the same vessel. This has not been claimed.

ASSAULT PROVED.

SIKH WATCHMAN SENT TO JAIL.

BOY'S FALL FROM WINDOW.

A case against a Sikh watchman, formerly employed at Whiteway, Laidlaw's store in Des Vaux Road Central, was concluded before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. His Worship finding the prisoner "guilty" of the second charge only—one of assault—and sentencing him to four months' hard labour.

Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy prosecuted on behalf of the Police, the accused, Kundia Singh, defending himself.

It will be recalled that at previous hearings it was alleged that the accused enticed a Chinese boy into his quarters on the pretext that he would lend him a bicycle. When in the room certain overtures were alleged to have been made by the complainant who, according to his own evidence, out of fear attempted to leave the room by means of the window. Refusing to listen, to further overtures, the accused pushed the complainant, causing him to fall and sustain injuries which necessitated his admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

Called for the defence yesterday afternoon, a fellow-Indian stated that on the day of the alleged assault, accused was with witness on board the "Tai Lee" upon that occasion.

Cross-examined by Insp. Murphy, witness admitted that accused and himself had been drinking rum on board the "Tai Lee" upon that occasion.

A Nervous Breakdown.

Mr. O. A. Smith said that on returning to his residence at 11.30 on the night of the incident, he noticed a commotion on the stairs. Defendant and several others were there, the former telling witness that another burglary had been committed. What happened immediately afterwards, witness could not say, as the news caused his nerves completely to give way. Witness could remember having said "Can't they leave me alone?" After that, witness was assisted into a chair where he remained until friends ascertained from the Police that no burglary had been perpetrated.

Army Service.

Addressing his Worship, prisoner said that he had had many years' service in the Indian Army and also in the local Government schools, from both of which he could produce satisfactory certificates. "When Whiteway, Laidlaw's premises were burgled the last time, I was locked up by Inspector Murphy for 24 hours, and now, when I arrested a thief, I am again in trouble. I also arrested two Chinese in 1925 outside the Central Fire Station."

Inspector Murphy urged his Worship to enter a conviction against the accused and to impose a heavy punishment, as practices of the kind alleged by the prosecution were not unknown in the defendant's quarters. Luckily for the defendant, the boy, who came from a respectable family, had not died, otherwise the former would have found himself facing a very serious charge.

In passing sentence as stated, Mr. Schofield said that he would take into consideration the fact that the accused had served the King-Emperor for a number of years and that he had been instrumental in effecting the arrest of two Chinese in 1925.

YEAR'S PROFIT.

H.K. ELECTRIC CO., LTD., REPORT.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., to the 38th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, is as follows:—

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation, after allowing for Depreciation is \$1,283,204.57 and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$2.50 per share on 320,000 Shares	\$ 750,000.00
To place to Reserve	500,000.00
To carry forward to next Account	33,204.57
Total	\$1,283,204.57

Directors.—The Directors regret to record the death of Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., in accordance with the Articles of Association. Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Auditors, Messrs. Linstead and Davis retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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"IS THAT SO?"

Prisoner Disagrees With Judge.

"BUT I AM GUILTY."

"I am guilty," said a New Territories Chinese when charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning with the manslaughter of his father.

"I'll take that as a plea of 'Not guilty,'" Mr. Crown Solicitor, said His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood).

"Is that so?" asked the prisoner when this was translated to him, "but I really plead guilty."

His Lordship maintained that it was best that the case go before a jury which was thereupon empanelled.

It was explained by Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, that the deceased, an old man, had died from the effects of septic poisoning of a comparatively small wound in his hand which he had refused at first to go into Hospital for and refused to have amputated until it was too late.

The deceased and his son (the prisoner) both of whom lived together at Fu Tei, near Castle Peak, had had a dispute about money matters and had gone to the District Officer about it. Mr. Fraser had decided that the son should pay his father \$2 a month.

All Over \$2.

The father had asked his son for the first instalment shortly after their arrival back. The son had stated he had not the money then and asked his father to wait. The father returned again in the evening and, on again being asked to wait, refused to do so and a quarrel began. The old man had a piece of piping in his hand with which he struck the accused on the head, felling him to the ground.

The prisoner got up and took a chopper from under the table and in the course of a struggle, the deceased sustained injury to his hand which fractured three of the bones between his wrist and fingers.

A report was made to Castle Peak Police Station by another man and the accused and a Chinese detective was sent to the spot. He bound up the wounded man's hand. When seen by Inspector Murphy, the old man refused to go to Hospital and it was not until three days afterwards that he said his hand was getting worse and he agreed to go to Kowloon Hospital. The wound was there found to be septic and, although the deceased would not at first agree to an operation, the arm was finally amputated. Deceased died a few weeks later.

Blow An Accident.

The accused's statements were to the effect that the blow was merely an accident. He had no intention of killing or even of striking his father. He only wanted his father to be frightened and run away. His father, who accused alleged, was the worse for liquor, endeavoured to seize the chopper and in so doing his hand came in contact with it with some force. Accused was not even aware that his father was wounded until he heard so at the Castle Peak Police station.

Mr. Holmes, addressing the jury, said that they should put out of mind what had transpired in the Court that morning, or for that matter anything else that they might have read about the case. The charge of manslaughter allowed in its sentence a greater range than any other offence. It extended from the smallest fine to imprisonment for life. They would be fully directed on this point by His Lordship but he (the Crown Solicitor) would like to remind them that it was in their power to make any recommendation should a verdict of guilty be returned.

In Mitigation.

If the points occurred to them that the first blow was struck by the deceased, that the deceased refused to go to Hospital at first and that it was following amputation that he died, then there again His Lordship would direct them. Medical evidence concerning the septic nature of the wound when the deceased was admitted to Hospital was given also evidence by Inspector John Murphy, in charge of Ping Shan Police station and others concerning statements and the incidents deposited to.

Relatives Contradict Prisoner.

Evidence of relatives of the deceased and of the accused was to the effect that the blow on the hand was a direct one and not due to the action of the old man in seizing the chopper.

Medical evidence also was to the effect that the wound in question must have been inflicted as a result of a direct blow.

Prisoner entered the box on his own behalf and said that after the blow on the head by his father he became unconscious and had no

FAIR TRIAL.

CONTEMPT CHARGE AGAINST PAPERS.

ACCUSED MAN'S PHOTOGRAPH.

London, Feb. 4.

After hearing arguments on a rule nisi calling upon the "Daily Mail" and the "Daily Mirror" to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of court, the King's Bench Divisional Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Justice Avey, and Justice Talbot decided that the publication of a photograph in a newspaper constitutes contempt.

The case arose from the publication of a photograph of a man who had been acquitted of a charge of assaulting a girl, but who was still charged with shooting a constable.

Counsel stated that the photograph appeared on the day the man was paraded for identification in connection with the charge with regard to which he was discharged.

The Chief Justice said that in the publication of photographs, no less than in the publication of a narrative or expressions of opinions, it is the duty of a newspaper to take care to avoid publishing what is calculated to prejudice fair trial.

He added that as this was the first case of the kind no heavy penalty would be imposed, but that would not apply the next time.

The rule was made absolute, respondents to pay costs.

"WAGES OF VIRTUE."

QUEEN'S THEATRE'S CURRENT ATTRACTION.

Alziers forms the setting of "Wages of Virtue," the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story deals in parts with the French Foreign Legion, the hero being a young American recruit of that famous corps. Love and hate, loyalty and cowardice are the dominating themes, and it must be said that all four are portrayed with remarkable vividness. Gloria Swanson is the outstanding figure in the cast. An excellent comedy and a topical gazette complete a programme which is made more enjoyable by the music of the Queen's Orchestra under Mr. Grovini.

"THE FRESHMAN."

HAROLD LLOYD AT STAR THEATRE.

Harold Lloyd returns to Hong Kong in "The Freshman," which is now showing at the Star Theatre. As a college youth anxious to become the most popular boy, he is said to give the best performance of his career. His efforts to achieve fame in this direction provide a directing series of the drollest incidents. Altogether a capital picture "The Freshman" will be shown at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

WHIPPING FOR BOY THIEVES.

Charged with "stealing" live chickens, two boys told Mr. Lindsell this morning that they had been forced to carry them by a deaf man. Mr. Lindsell: If a deaf man told you to commit suicide, would you proceed to do it?—No.

The elder of the two, who had been whipped previously for larceny, was ordered ten strokes with the birch and warned that his next appearance on a similar charge would result in a sojourn in the jail. The younger boy received sentence of six strokes.

recollection of what happened or how the blow was struck.

His Lordship, in summing up, commented on these discrepancies and pointed out that the accused had made definite statements as to what had happened and had not deposed before to having been unconscious. The evidence of the relatives was definite and they would naturally, he supposed, be inclined if anything to favour prisoner.

Jury's Immediate Verdict. The jury had to consider, first, whether the injury was sustained as the result of a blow. If they decided it was not, then they would acquit the prisoner. If they decided it was, then they had to consider whether the blow was dealt in self-preservation. If they found it was then, again, they would acquit the prisoner.

Asked to consider their verdict, the foreman was addressed by all members of the jury and immediately rose to his feet.

"We find the prisoner not guilty," he said.

"You are discharged," said His Lordship to prisoner who left the dock in the company of his relatives.

LEAGUE INFLUENCE.

How It Has Grown In The East.

ATTITUDE OF CANTON.

London, Feb. 24. Speaking at a meeting of the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee at the House of Commons, Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary of the League of Nations, referring to Asia, said that an encouraging sign was the remarkable growth of League influence in Japan.

As regards Chinese, the Peking Government was apparently awaiting events, and hitherto it had at least not declared itself hostile to the League.

There was little ground for entertaining increased hopes of the United States actually joining the League, but there had been marked development in the cordiality of relations between the Senate Department and the League, while Congress had voted appropriations for American delegates to three League conferences, and Americans had fully co-operated in such League activities as the health organisation, the opium committee and the women and children's committee.—Reuter.

EMPIRE ACADEMY.

LAUNCHING OF A NOTABLE SCHEME.

UNITING BRITISH CARS.

Rugby, Feb. 24. The inaugural meeting in connection with the foundation of the proposed British Empire Academy was held in London. Lord Howard de Walden presided.

Sir Henry Brittain, M.P., moved a resolution approving of an Empire Academy and the establishment in London of a central building where the various arts of the home country and the different dominions would unite in mutual co-operation.

Proposing that an appeal be made for the necessary funds, Mr. Howard Robinson, founder of the movement, explained that a site had been secured from the Duke of Westminster on the North side of the Thames near Lambeth Bridge. The sum of £25,000 was required to start the scheme.

The resolution was carried and a committee was appointed to carry out the scheme.—British Wireless Service.

JAVA REVOLT.

DUTCH SOCIALISTS SEEK INQUIRY.

The Hague, Feb. 24. Six Socialists in the Lower House have introduced a resolution demanding an enquiry into the cause of the Communist rising in the Dutch Indies in November and January.—Reuter.

EX-KAISER'S RETURN?

ORDERS TO RENOVATE A PALACE.

London, Jan. 31. Berlin.—Orders received from Doorn that extensive renovation should be carried out to the Unter den Linden Palace in order to receive the ex-Kaiser's wife, Hermine, whenever she is visiting Berlin, which asserts that Hermine "rules the roost" at Doorn.

It is felt that the plans to renovate the palace are a preparation for the ex-Kaiser's return to Berlin, with regard to which extensive propaganda will shortly be launched.

The "Tagblatt" theory is much commented on as it coincides with the advent of the new Rightist Government.

SOLDIERS BUTCHERED.

TREACHERY OF SAN MIGUEL REBELS.

London, Feb. 2. Mexico City.—When, on January 12, Federal soldiers rushed the barracks at San Miguel el Grande, which was reported to be in revolt, the rebel leaders raised the white flag and declared that they were not revolting, but were ardent supporters of the Government.

The soldiers, believing this, withdrew, but subsequently, 40 of them were butchered in the barracks, only one escaping to Oaxaca, from which place a strong column was despatched, which captured San Miguel. The ring-leaders of the rebels were taken to Oaxaca for court-martial, and 27 were executed.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

MANY RECRUITS JOIN.

Eighteen recruits have joined the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, according to orders for the week issued today.

The orders include the new appointments in last Saturday's "Gazette" and reproduces the letter from H.E. the Governor to H.E. the General, commending the troops and volunteers for the recent route marches.

Extracts from the orders follow:—

Scottish Company. Musketry course, Part I. will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters on Sunday.

Range Officer: 2/Lt. Alistair Mackenzie.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken as the whole Part I. course must be fired in full order, whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms: Must be drawn from Headquarters today, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 6 and 8 p.m.; and on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Army Service Corps Cadre.

Major H. E. Standage, O.B.E., Lt. T. G. Weale, Lt. F. S. Harrison and Lt. A. H. Gillingham have been granted direct commissions in the Corps under special circumstances and are posted to the Army Service Corps Cadre.

Medals. The Commandant notices that many men entitled to wear medals are not in possession of same.

O.C.s: Companies will submit a list to Orderly Room, as soon as possible giving names of such men stating:—

(a) Full details of medals required; (b) The unit or units the man served in; (c) Regimental number in the various units served in; (d) Whether medals are lost or whether they were never issued.

In the case of men who have lost their medals these must be prepared to pay for same.

M.I. & A.C. Co's. Musketry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 13.

As a large number of men were inefficient last season in musketry, it is strongly urged that as many as possible will avail themselves of the classes arranged for instruction in musketry as detailed below:—

The musketry classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays, commencing March 3, at Kennedy Road range.

Dress: Rifles, bayonets, bandoliers and belts. Individual instruction at Kennedy Road range will be given to recruits who must keep these dates open, viz. Thursday (March 3), Monday (March 7) and Thursday (March 10).

Machine Gunners.—Coaching for machine gun competition will be given by Sergt. Henderson on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

All members of the M.I. and A.C. Companies are requested to do their utmost to turn up for the shoot at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 13. Details as to time, dress, etc., will be issued later.

The following prizes will be shot for:—

1.—Highest aggregate; 2.—Score showing most improvement over last year; 3.—Highest aggregate made by a member of the M.I.; 4.—Highest aggregate made by a member of the Mobile Column; 5.—Highest aggregate made by a Machine Gunner; 6.—Highest aggregate made at grouping and 500 yards application.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 4 Platoon:—Pte. A. P. E. Silva, Pte. A. A. Gutierrez, Pte. E. R. Gosamke, Pte. J. A. Basto, Pte. C. F. Remedios, Pte. E. A. Noronha, Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, Pte. F. G. Ribeiro, Pte. D. P. Xavier, Pte. N. B. Maher, Pte. F. A. Barreto, Pte. H. O. Castro. Engineer Co.:—Spr. W. G. Stone, Spr. P. C. Mooney.

No. 1 Platoon:—Pte. H. C. B. Way, Pte. D. L. Strallett. No. 2 Platoon:—Pte. J. A. Fox. Armoured Car Co.:—Pte. G. H. Bond.

Transfer. Pte. W. Beveridge, Mounted Infantry Company, is permitted to transfer to the Machine Gun Section of the Armoured Car Company. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—C.Q.M.S. P. W. R. Ramsay, Scottish Coy., from Feb. 23 to December 22, 1927.

L/Sgt. J. C. Fletcher, No. 7 Platoon, from Feb. 17, to Feb. 18, 1928.

Pte. E. M. Bryden, No. 7 Platoon, from Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, 1927. Pte. A. W. E. Davidson, Reserves, Scot. Section, from Feb. 17 to April 18, 1927.

Spr. J. Fraser, Engineer Company, from Feb. 18 to March 7, 1927. Spr. E. H. Williams, Engineer

LABOUR 'VAGABOND'

MR. MACDONALD'S "MAGIC CARPETS."

WANDERINGS ABROAD.

"I believe that I am the biggest vagabond of the whole lot of you, but I am not quite sure about Bevin," declared the Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., amid laughter, in proposing the principal toast at an international dinner organised by the Workers' Travel Association at Custer's Restaurant, Tottenham Street. Delegates were present from Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

Mr. MacDonald said he believed that he had wandered further and in more varied countries than anybody present. "I believe I am the only person living outside the creed who has had dinner with Brahmins, in full caste—not one of your apologetic high tens. Anyone can go to India and be received by the most select Brahmins at high tea. I have sat at a full-dress Brahmin dinner, cooked by Brahmins, served by Brahmins, with Brahmins to the right and Brahmins to the left of me, as their guest in Madras. They thought that some of the things I had written about India were absolute proof that I was twice born, and that, as a matter of fact, I was a Brahmin."

When one went abroad, he or she came back with something added to his or her personality, Mr. MacDonald continued. "I have got the most wonderful collection of magic carpets, but I do, and I do because I have got them; I have got more than a score of them nicely tucked away somewhere or other—I don't know exactly where I keep them. But when I want them they are always at my beck and call. And sometimes when I sit down at my fireside I call upon them, and they come and spread themselves upon my floor, and I sit upon them and say 'Go!—and I am in Prague, Paris, or the Sahara, just as I will.'"

Mr. MacDonald then gave away what he called a "great secret." "From the time that I started giving rein to my desires to see the world until now," he said, "I have always managed to get at least nine-tenths of my expenses would be paid for me by the newspapers of Great Britain. (Laughter) For forty years I have been knocking about—India, South Africa, Central America, every Dominion of ours, the South Sea Islands, the Pacific and Atlantic—and I can tell you quite safely that within three months of my homecoming I have made nine-tenths of my expenses out of the work I have done for newspapers. And since I annexed the American newspapers, I don't make nine-tenths out of it; I make something like twenty-tenths."

MAN OF TACT.

FAMOUS BRITISH GENERAL PROMOTED.

Rugby, Feb. 24. The War Office announces the promotion of Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Harington to be General.



Sir Charles Harington.

Sir Charles Harington was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Constantinople in 1922, when a conflict between the British and Turkish troops at Chanak seemed inevitable. The situation was saved largely by his tactful handling.—British Wireless Service.

Company, from Feb. 14 to March 27, 1927.

Pte. G. W. Sellers, No. 7 Platoon, from Feb. 21 to March 2, 1927. Pte. V. Goulburn, A. C. Co., from Feb. 21 to Feb. 23, 1927.

Pte. E. Law, Medical Section, from Feb. 23 to March 20, 1927. 2/Lt. A. K. Mackenzie, Scottish Company, from Feb. 20 to Feb. 27, 1927.

Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett, Reserve Company, is granted an extension of leave from March 1 to March 31, 1927.

Resignations. The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—Pte. I. E. Trevor, Reserve Company; Pte. J. Strick, No. 7 Platoon; Pte. G. Henderson, Reserve Company; Pte. R. E. H. Oliver, Headquarters Staff.

LIBEL SUIT.

Mrs. Langtry & Captain Wright.

HORSE WHIPPING OFFENCE.

London, Feb. 4. The British newspapers heartily concur in the verdict given in the Wright-Gladstone case and congratulate Viscount Gladstone on vindicating his father's memory and striking a blow for the decencies of public life.

Mrs. Lily Langtry, interviewed at Monte Carlo, commented: "In the old days a thing like this would have been settled by a horse-whipping at the Haymarket."

GIVES HIS VERSION.

Concluding Evidence.

London, Feb. 3.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in giving evidence for the defence in the Wright-Gladstone case, said that when Lord Milner, who was then a journalist, used the phrase "Gladstone's seraglio," he was referring to Mrs. Gladstone's well-known solicitude for her husband.

The publisher, Mr. Eveleigh Nash, said that he had never discussed the book with Capt. Wright.

Regarding the offending passage in the latter's book, witness did not see the proofs with the inserted passage, and if he had seen it he would not have published it.

Lady Gwendolen Cecil testified that her father, Lord Salisbury, always had the highest respect for Mr. W. E. Gladstone.

Mr. Charlie Thompson, an old steeplechase rider, with whom the defence only got into touch late last evening, testified that Capt. Wright a year ago called at his flat and asked him to write to the Secretary of the Bath Club regarding a story he had previously told Capt. Wright about a woman friend who told witness that an old gentleman alleged to be Mr. W. E. Gladstone, tried to get into conversation with her in the street, but witness refused as he did not think the woman was reliable and he objected to maligning the dead.

The jury, after an absence of 50 minutes gave a verdict in favour of Viscount Gladstone, with costs.

They added a rider that the high moral character of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone was completely vindicated.

Mr. Justice Avory only put two questions to the jury, namely, whether the alleged libel was true and if not, whether the defendant was actuated by malice.

Mr. Churchill's Views. London, Feb. 4.

Viscount Gladstone has been overwhelmed by congratulations on what he himself has described to an interviewer as "the jury's historic vindication of my father."

Congratulatory cablegrams have been received from places as far away as India and South Africa.

Mr. Churchill, in the course of a speech at the Conservative Club, Manchester, said that the fact that great men of our country, whose reputation and honour are part of the national inheritance should be foully traduced and slandered after they have passed away and while those to whom they are dear are still living is an offence and affront against the decency of English life.

The publishers told an interviewer that no more copies of Capt. Wright's book which led to the action were being sold. The cost of the action are estimated at £6,000.

THE CULT OF SLIMNESS.

MODERN FASHION AND THE BREAD TRADE.

Vienna, Jan. 5. Four bakeries in the vicinity of Vienna have been obliged to close down, owing to the very considerable reduction in the consumption of bread, pastry, etc. It is said that no fewer than 200,000 girls and women in this city, have stopped eating bread in order to keep slim, some have so starved themselves that they are seriously ill. The new fashion is all the more remarkable as before the war a certain amount of plumpness was considered desirable.

After a wedding luncheon at a Leeds hotel, Robert Lawson, builder, of Dewsbury Road, Leeds, took the bride and bridegroom for a motor-car ride during which he drove into a ditch, and at Otley he was fined for being drunk in charge of the car.

AIR TAXI-MAN.

SHILLING-A-MILE "MOTH" SERVICE.

MODERN SOLOMON'S WISDOM.

London, Feb. 2.

Two interesting recruits have joined the ranks of the "Air Taxi Drivers."

Lord Osaulson, who is Earl Tankerville's heir, has taken delivery of a D. H. "Moth" light aeroplane for flying to his estate in Northumberland from London. There he intends to hire out the machine, with himself as the pilot, at 1s. per mile when not using it for private travel.

The other recruit is a London tax-driver, Harold Solomon, who is learning to fly at the London Aeroplane Club, paying his fees with the tips he earns.

"London streets are becoming far too dangerous," says Solomon. "When I am a proficient aviator I can sell my taxicab and buy a 'Moth,' and use it as an air-taxi."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 25.—Queen's Theatre: "Wages of Virtue."

February 25.—World Theatre: "The Midshipman."

February 25.—Star Theatre: "The Freshman."

February 25.—St. Andrew's Young Men's Club hold first popular social, Church Hall, 6.30 p.m.

February 26.—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capell's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

February 26.—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

February 28.—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

March 2.—Special race week dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

March 3.—Annual "At Home" of U.S.R.C. Club's ground, Kowloon.

March 3.—Recital at Helena May Institute, by Miss Nora Moon, 5.30 p.m.

March 4.—Masked Ball at the City Hall.

March 12.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 25.—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

March 6.—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

March 14.—Kowloon Cricket Club annual tennis tournament.

Meetings.

February 25.—Meeting of members of Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m. at the Club.

February 26.—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 26.—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.

February 28.—Extraordinary meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 4.—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 5.—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 7.—Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

Lammerts' Auctions. February 25.—At Messrs. Lammerts' Bros. Sales Room, a valuable collection of stamps, 5.15 p.m.

February 26.—Valuable household furniture at 94 Nathan Road, Kowloon, 10.45 a.m.

March 3.—At "The Cottage" Barker Rd., 452 The Peak, valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 3.—At 7, Duddell St., certain lots of whisky and ale, in cases, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 25.—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 25.—Debut at Club House of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

February 26.—Non-selling tickets on "The Hong Kong Derby" will be drawn in Hong Kong Club stand, Race Course, 3 p.m.

February 26.—Camp-fire sing-song by Boy Scouts Assn. H. K. branch, Seamen's Institute, 7.45 p.m.

February 26.—Annual dinner of the Assn. of Past & Present Commercial Students of the H.K. University, in Great Hall of the University, 7.45 p.m.

February 27.—Second Annual Masonic Service, in St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

March 1.—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 7.45 p.m.

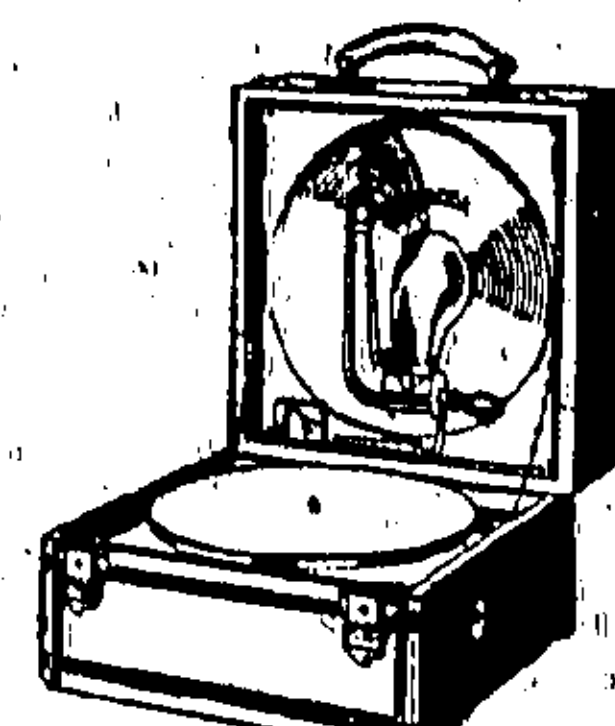
March 1.—New term of the Diocesan Boys' School begins on this date.

March 4.—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

March 10.—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Newstead Abbey, in Notting-
hamshire, one of England's fine
old historic mansions and famous
for its associations with Byron, is
being transformed into flats.

The second organ recital, in
connection with the re-opening of
the re-constructed organ in St.
John's Cathedral, will be given by
Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.
to-day at 5.45 p.m.

Charged with the larceny of
a spark plug from a motor-cycle
belonging to Mr. George Lee, a
Chinese youth told Mr. Schofield
at the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day that he had been forced to

Belgium's last ten torpedo-
boats offered for sale, whereby
the Belgian Navy ceases to exist.

Certain lots of whisky and
ale, in cases, will be auctioned by
Messrs. Lammert Bros. at their
Duddell Street sales rooms at 11
a.m. next Thursday.

A Chinese girl run over by a
motor-car in Belcher Street yester-
day afternoon, has been admit-
ted to the Government Civil
Hospital with a broken leg.

H.M.S. "Pinafore" will be
presented by the Hong Kong
Philharmonic Society at the
Theatre Royal on April 1, 2, 4, 8
and 9 and on April 6 (4.30 p.m.
matinee).

The Eastern Extension Tele-
graph Co. notifies senders of
telegrams that, owing to faulty
cable connection, telegrams to
and from Shanghai and beyond
are subject to delay.

Owing to the departure of
H.M.S. "Danae" for the North,
the dance which was to have been
given by the ship's company at the
Helena May Institute last
evening did not take place.

Should it rain, the venue for
to-morrow's Girl Guides' Rally
will be changed from Headquar-
ter House to Volunteer Head-
quarters (by permission of Lt.-
Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O.) The Rally
starts at 3 p.m.

Five Chinese cases of notifi-
able disease were reported to the
Medical Officer of Health on
Thursday, all from the city dis-
trict. These comprised one with
small-pox, and two each with
diphtheria and enteric fever
(typhoid).

London burglars tied a tea-
cozy over the head of an Alfre-
d terrier and bound it with frocks
and yards of tape before ransack-
ing a house at Palmers
Green. When the occupants re-
turned it took them fifteen
minutes to release the dog.

It has been stated that there
will be another meeting of
the Committee arranging the
Agricultural Show in connection
with the Northern District of the
New Territory to be held at
Lady Ho Tung's farm, Sheung
Shui, to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The
meeting is not to be held this
Saturday, but on Saturday,
March 26.

Shareholders in the Colony
are reminded of the annual meet-
ing of the Hong Kong and Shang-
hai Banking Corporation in the
City Hall at 12 noon to-morrow.

Some valuable household
furniture will be auctioned by
Messrs. Lammert Bros. at "The
Cottage," Barker Road (No. 452,
The Peak) at 2.45 p.m. on Thurs-
day.

A debate will take place at the
club house of St. Peter's Church
Young Men's Club at 8.30 p.m.
to-day when the following motion
will be moved by Rev. H. A.
Wittenbach, M.A. seconded by



Sir Samuel Hoare, British
Minister of Aviation, who has
just completed a 12,000-mile trip
by air from London to India and
return, in the interest of further-
ing aircraft development by
various units of the Empire. He
was accompanied on his tour by
Lady Hoare, who, it is believed,
has set a record for flying by
women in making the India trip.



Rear Admiral John Halligan,
Jr., who testified before the
American House Naval Appro-
priations Sub-Committee that the
practice which German sub-
marines had of using their radio
to "kid" French radio stations and
to "josh" one another, enabled the
allies to tabulate their posi-
tions and ship the American
troop transports through the
sub-zone without the loss of a
man. For free use of the radio by
the German subs enabled radio
compass stations of the allies to
trace the paths of the subs
wherever they went, he said.

Mr. Thomas Tam (barrister-at-
law), "that early marriages are
desirable." Mr. T. J. Price,
B.Sc. (seconded by Prof. L.
Forster, B.A.) will oppose the
motion.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. H. J. Pearce of the Public
Works Department, the noted
yachtsman, returned to the Colony
from Shanghai on the "Empress
of Asia" yesterday, bringing with
him his bride.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., the
barrister-at-law, returned to the
Colony yesterday on the "Em-
press of Asia."

Professor Fann, of McGill
University, and the Hon. Mr.
Woo Din-hsin, a special educa-
tional commissioner of Peking,
arrived in Hong Kong yesterday
on the "Empress of Asia."

Among the passengers return-
ing to Hong Kong by the "Em-
press of Asia," which arrived
yesterday, were Mrs. R. M.
Austin, Mr. G. Hogg, Mr. E. Cock
and Mrs. C. Cook.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer stated in
the House of Commons that the
sum spent on war pensions in-
cluding medical treatment and
administration, from the date of
the Armistice, was estimated at
£640,000,000, reports a British
wireless message received from
Rugby this morning.

An impressive military funeral
took place yesterday when Pte.
Melvil, a popular member of the
King's Own Scottish Borderers,
was laid to rest at Happy Valley.
Pte. Melvil died rather suddenly
shortly after admission to Hos-
pital on return from Camp in the
New Territories. The coffin,
placed on a gun carriage and
covered with the Union Jack, was
preceded by a K.O.S.B. firing
party with arms reversed, the
bagpipes and muffled drums being
draped in black. The Rev. Mr.
Alexander, Chaplain of the Bat-
talion, officiated at the graveside.

There have been few more tragic
figures in history, remarks a Home
paper about the ex-Empress
Charlotte of Mexico, who has just
died at the age of 86. The daugh-
ter of a King and the wife of an
Emperor, her life was nevertheless
full to the brim of sorrow and
disaster. For sixty years her mind
had been clouded as the result of
her terrible experiences, and fate
certainly made her pay a bitter
price for those few years of glory
which ambition thrust upon her and
her husband. Her death serves to
remind us of the enormous changes
which the world has witnessed since
the Emperor Maximilian reigned in
Mexico, and she kept her brilliant
court. Many an empire and king-
dom has vanished as though it had
never been, and it is not too much
to say that the whole complexion
of society has profoundly altered.
She lived through all these changes,
a forgotten, lonely figure, unaware
of what was going on about her,
and her death snaps a link with a
past that already seems incredibly
remote. No career ever exemplified
more completely the irony of fate
or the inscrutability of Providence.



Premier Wakatsuki, of Japan
who, addressing the opening session
of the Japanese Diet, declared that
his country will maintain its exist-
ing naval strength, unless "extraor-
dinary changes" occur in the interna-
tional situation.

Mr. Alfred Yates, who has retir-
ed from the post of harbour master
at Portsmouth, served in the Navy
for many years, and as a torpedo
instructor in H.M.S. "Vernon" in
1889 taught the King (then Prince
George) torpedo work.

After an absence of about
twenty years, Mr. St. Nihal
Singh, the noted Indian writer,
paid a return visit to Hong Kong,
arriving yesterday on the
"Empress of Asia" from the
North. He is accompanied by
his wife.

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HOW PEOPLE GET MUDDLED.

As another instance of people at Home being muddled in
their ideas, it is interesting to mention that a leading London
paper gives the name of Shanghai's defender as Sun, Shuan
(meaning Sun Chuan-fang).

Detailed reports from this part of the world, from an
impartial source, must be particularly welcome just now.

EVERYTHING OF INTEREST.

The latest issue of the "Overland" includes the unique
"seditious literature" case (as an illustration of Labour Union
unreasonableness); the reports right from the beginning of
the Shanghai strike (including the cables about Chinese offi-
cials beheading strike agitators); the settlement of the Hankow
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SPORTS SECTION

ABOUT THE RACE.

Owners, Jockeys And Ponies.

NOTES ON ANNUAL MEETING.

(By "Patrol")

Some considerable time before an important race, the majority of people who are going to attend will have made up their minds as to the pony that will win.

At least that is the impression I have gained as a local turf correspondent. Because Mr. A. has a one-twenty-ninth part in a \$5 sweep syndicate, he will invariably ask: "Is Ting Pang going to win the Derby?"

"He has a fair chance," you reply and follow it up with a counter on these lines: "Well, Ting Pang has done better times but his jockey is not quite so good. There ought to be a fine race and..."

Dead Cert: My Best Tip.

That is no good to the questioner. Mr. A. has received an invitation to lunch with a supporter of Ting Pang's owner. That \$5 syndicate hopes to draw this pony in all the big sweeps. And he has made up his mind that Ting Pang will win. Not that it makes any difference to me but as a racing journalist, I can only look at the chat from the point of view of another opportunity "to check up" having been lost.

All types of difficulties—from the flooding of the course last summer to pony dealers' troubles in Mongolia—having been surmounted, there is at least one "dead cert." I can give. I am prepared to lay reasonable odds that we shall have a very successful meeting.

Shanghai "Stans" Here.

First of all, there is no local option to monopolize interest in the Champions, this great pony now being "unfit" and in Shanghai at that.

Prospects in the Hong Kong Derby are not so open as they have been but there will be quite a good field, including four, or even five, that have a fair chance of winning. There are fewer Shanghai jockeys, down this year, making the shortage of gentleman riders more acute.

Mr. Haimovitch will ride for Mr. Roda. As was the case last year, Mr. Sokoloff is jockey for Messrs. Toeg & Priestley. Mr. L. Dunbar has first call again on the services of Mr. A. N. Dallas. Hong Kong is honoured by a visit by Mr. Poter-Hunt (riding for "Mr. Eve") and, after missing 1926, Mr. Encarnacao pays a return call, this time to wear the colours of a new owner in Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

First Chinese Jockey?

I also understand that another Shanghai jockey—making six in all—will ride for Mr. H. P. White, this being Mr. Wong. If so, he will be the first Chinese jockey to ride in the Colony.

We are more familiar with Mr. E. A. Brodie (Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson), Mr. L. P. Ralph (Messrs. Hall & Shenton), Mr. L. Reidy (Messrs. Dyer & Beith), Mr. H. Seth, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. G. U. da Rosa, Mr. Gordon and others. The injury to Mr. Pollock is referred to elsewhere on this page.

Best of the "Old"

The ponies come under three categories—old ponies, griffins and subscription griffins all China ponies.

Outstanding among the old ponies are: Bengal, the Tientsin filly, with a wonderful record and perfectly fit. Saligia, winner of the Autumn Champions, also in tip-top condition. Grey Morn, 2nd in the Derby and Champion of 1926, 3rd in Champions 1926.

Saucy Sue, Attaboy and Grey Knight, all winners in 1926. Spotted Sand, "veteran" of many of campaigns.

Lady Luck, a mare which disappointed in 1926 but which improved in Shanghai.

Some "Local" Ponies.

The following are mentioned together, also old ponies, but they will be able to run (where entered and qualified) in the race each day set aside for competitors in 1926 extra meetings:—

The Goblin, Brigado Cal, San Diego, The Regent, Sembrado (which all won in the 1926 big meeting), Lady Luck, Ukelele, Sunburst Rose, The Comell and others.

Of the others mentioned further up, Saligia and Grey Knight and Attaboy were also starters at 1926 extra meetings.

All this may seem laborious to those who do not follow racing regularly. These notes, however, will be found useful as a means towards an end. In picking races for their ponies, owners will (firstly) avoid the cracks, (secondly) be guided by the distance and by the chance of claiming an allowance or seeing an opponent

BAD "JOSS."

MR. POLLOCK KICKED BY A PONY.

ACCIDENT IN TRAINING.

Bad "joss" in the shape of an accident in training has befallen Mr. Pollock of Messrs. Jardine's, one of the leading gentleman riders of the Colony.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. Pollock was mounting Mr. R. Mein Austin's Grey Knight. Somehow, the stirrup broke and the pony shied, kicking the rider in the ribs.

Opinion at first was that a bone may have been broken and it is now doubtful if Mr. Pollock will be permitted to take part in next week's racing.

At the annual meeting last year, Mr. Pollock rode a number of winners. He has only recently returned from Home leave and was to have worn the colours of Mr. and Mrs. Austin on Monday.

Doubly Unfortunate.

This year, Mr. H. Maitland is unable to come down from Shanghai to do duty for Ewo so that Mr. Pollock's injury is doubly unfortunate.

His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Meanwhile it is understood that Mr. Gordon will have the majority if not all of Mr. Pollock's mounts.

Brigade Call (1926 griffin), Home Call (a winning sub. of 1926), Grey Knight (winner in 1925 and 1926) and Pottenbush (a very promising sub. of this year) are the best ponies in the Austin stable.

carry a penalty, and (thirdly) be governed by the prospects of getting the jockey they have in mind.

Why & Wherefore.

For example, I think Bengal will run, on the first day, in the Victoria Stakes (3rd race) and thereby cause ponies which might have gone there to be tried in some other race. Saligia may give the Tientsin pony a rare tussle but a lot will depend on the weather and, of course, the going. Grey Morn does not seem to be as strong as a year ago. Another pony that may be affected by age is Spotted Sand.

The Foochow Cup course of 2 miles is unlikely to attract a big field. I suppose 'The Gomeril and Sunburst Rose will be out here but there may be other ponies with even better reputations.

On the first day, therefore, the majority of old ponies are left with the choice of either the Charter Cup or the Jockey Club Stakes.

An Outstanding Pony.

The same supposition applies to the other ponies. The number of subscription griffins of the previous season that have been "carried over" is bigger this time than it has been for some years. They also come within the description of old ponies; but they can run in events for extra meeting ponies and there are the Garrison Cup and the Royal Navy Cup in which they can run with the new lot of subs. on specific terms.

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Derby Griffins.

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SOCCER NOTES.

SECOND ROUND IN JUNIOR SHIELD.

SOME LEAGUE PROBLEMS.

Of perhaps the most importance to-morrow are the second round ties in the Junior division of the Hong Kong Football Association Shield, after which there will only be four teams left to contest the issue.

It is understood that for the semifinal in both divisions, the clubs will not necessarily meet in the sequence of the draw, but that an independent draw will be made for that round—an innovation to local Shield soccer.

There are several teams engaged to-morrow who are good enough to lift the trophy.

This Year's Champions.

Last year's winners (1st East Surrey Reserves) are not here but their successors, the 2nd Borderers Reserves, are very powerful. The runners-up (Recreio Reserves) were knocked out by Chinese Athletic "A."

There are four matches in the League, three in the senior division.

Club de Recreio have already won the championship of division I but their undefeated record may be in danger as their morale was shaken last Saturday when they were knocked out of the Shield by Kowloon.

Race for Second Place.

Several clubs are in the running for second place and to-morrow's matches may go towards solving the problem.

In section "A," division II, the Kowloon's Reserves have won the championship "bar accidents." No decision has yet been arrived at with regard to the uncompleted fixtures of H.M.S. "Tamar," who withdrew in the middle of the season.

A date has not been selected at the time of writing, for the play-off between St. Joseph's Reserves and the Moslems for the championship of section "B."

Full details about to-morrow's fixtures follow:—

JUNIOR SHIELD.

Second Round Ties.

St. Joseph's College "A" v. Kowloon F.C. Reserves, St. Joseph's ground, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Mackie.

St. Peter's Young Men's Club v. 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Gilmore.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. St. Joseph's College "B," Sookumpoo "B" ground, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Gilmore.

Hong Kong F.C. Reserves v. Chinese Athletic "B," H.K.F.C. ground, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Longdale.

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FIRST DEFEAT.

KOWLOON IN LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOSBIES' DISTINCTION.

Butting a man short, Kowloon C.C. 1st XI suffered their first defeat of the season yesterday and on their own ground.

The distinction of lowering the colours of the leaders falls to the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers. Kowloon now join the five other teams in the division that have lost one match each. But they still lead and the championship now practically rests between—

P. W. D. L. Pts.
Kowloon 7 5 1 1 16
Civil Service 8 4 3 1 15
Royal Navy 7 4 2 1 14
Indians 5 3 1 1 10
although the H.K.C.C., K.O.S.B. and the R.A. still have an outside chance.

To-morrow Kowloon visit the Indians at Sookumpoo. Yesterday's scores:—

Scottish Borderers.
Lt. Hankey, c. Brace, b. Lyle 5
Capt. Thorp, lb.w., b. Guest 20
Lt. Tregear, b. Brace 21
Pte. Everest, b. Guest 8
Capt. Dobbie, b. Ramsay 1
Pte. Brown, c. sub., b. Lyle 7
Capt. Perfect, b. Bruce 27
Pte. Sturges, c. Ramsay, b. Lyle 12
Pte. Stock, b. Lyle 12
Lee-Cpt. Crawley, b. Brace 3
Hill, not out 9
Extras 7

Total 130

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Lyle 12.2 3 32 4
Brace 11 0 33 3
Ross 4 0 27 0
Guest 7 0 17 2
Ramsay 5 1 20 1

Kowloon C.C.
W. Brace, c. Tregear, b. Everest 28
J. C. Lyle, b. Dobbie 9
W. Guest, c. Brown, b. Dobbie 0
A. W. Ramsay, c. Brown, b. Hankey 0

Capt. E. W. Morris, c. Dobbie, b. Hankey 36
W. Hyde, c. and b. Everest 3
S. Jex, c. Skiggs, b. Perfect 3
A. R. F. Raven, b. Dobbie 3
H. Buxton, not out 4
N. H. Ross, b. Dobbie 0
Extras 2

Total 84

[One man absent.]
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 10.5 3 27 4
Everest 4 1 9 2
Hankey 10 2 30 2
Perfect 4 0 16 1

VARSITY v. SCHOOLS.

On Wednesday the University (led by Dr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane) defeated a combined schools team (led by Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education) by 110 runs. Scores:—

University.
S. V. Gittins, c. S. Suffad, b. Carr 74
T. A. Lee, c. Mackay, b. Kelly 30
F. Zimmern, retired 58
W. Hong Sling, not out 32
S. Kermani, c. Carr, b. Kelly 13
K. T. Loke, b. Gerrard 4
Extras 15

Total 226

B. P. Ng, A. B. Suliman, A. Baker, H. Barma, and R. Ponsonby Fane did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Lee 5 42 0
Mackay 8 38 0
Suffad 7 39 0
Kelly 6 36 2
Rumjahn 3 15 0
Carr 4 21 1
Anderson 2 15 0
Gerrard 5 5 1

Combined Schools.
D. Suliman (D.B.S.), b. 1
A. S. Suffad (Q.C.), c. Zimmern, b. Lee 13
A. Lee (D.B.S.), b. Lee 13
D. Kelly (C.B.S.), b. Gittins 48
N. Mackay (D.B.S.), c. Ng, b. Zimmern 2
R. Gerrard (D.B.S.), run out 11
A. Hunt (Q.C.), lb.w., b. Gittins 1
C. Carr (C.B.S.), b. Gittins 0
A. M. Rumjahn (Q.C.), at 0
Ponsonby Fane, b. Gittins 0
A. S. Suffad (Q.C.), b. Gittins 0
A. E. Wood, not out 15
Extras 13

Total 118

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Suliman 13 19 2
Lee 4 16 1
Baker 4 10 0
Sling 4 22 0
Gittins 9 19 5
Zimmern 8 10 1

LOCAL CHESS.

Mr. C. M. Sequeira retains the "S. C. M. Post" cup for the chess championship of the Colony, having won this year's competition in which the points gained were as follows:—

P. W. L. D. Pts.
C. M. Sequeira 6 5 1 0 5
S. G. Hayes 8 4 1 1 4½
D. E. de Carvalho 8 2 4 0 2
H. W. Randall 0 0 5 1 ½
Sequeira and Hayes beat each other once. They both beat Carvalho twice. Sequeira beat Randall twice but Hayes dropped half a point with Randall, whom he beat once and drew with once. Carralho twice beat Randall.

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HOME SOCCER.

CUP COMPETITIONS, REPLAYS.

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Replaying yesterday in the 5th round proper of the F.A. Cup, Swansea defeated South Shields by 2 goals to 1.

Last Saturday, Swansea earned the right to a replay by drawing at South Shields. On their own ground yesterday, Swansea won as stated.

In the 6th round on March 5 Swansea will be at home to Reading. The complete draw now stands:—

Chelsea v. Cardiff City.
Arsenal v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.
Swansea v. Reading.

Millwall v. Southampton.
[Cardiff and the Arsenal belong to division I of the League, Millwall to division III (South) and the other five to division II.]

OTHER RESULTS.

London, Feb. 24.
Other soccer results of to-day (home team given first) were:—

League, Division III (South):—Queen's Park Rangers 1, Exeter 1.

Scottish Cup, 3rd round replay:—Montrose 1, Dundee United 2.—Reuter.

Scottish Cup.
The complete draw for the Scottish Cup 4th round on March 5 is:—

Falkirk v. Rangers.
Boness v. Celtic.
Partick Thistle v. Dundee United.
Aurthurie v. East Fife.

In their junior Shield tie against Chinese Athletic "B" to-morrow, the Hong Kong F.C. Reserves will be represented by:—Shipper, Hill, Purves, Vickers, Lyon, Punccheon, Campbell, Thompson, Pile, White, Mitchell. Reserves: Brown, Thomas, Cairrie.

WISH TO DIE.

A DISEASE AND HOW TO CURE IT.

Vienna.—Dr. Rudolf Urbantschitsch, one of the leading nerve specialists on the Continent, declared in a lecture here that the "wish not to live" had as a result of the war become "a world-wide disease."

It has nothing to do with poverty, he declares, for the real "joie de vivre" is to be found less among the rich than among the poor or the middle classes. In his lecture he prescribed for those "suffering from this disease, which is almost as deadly as influenza." Here is the cure:—

Concentrate on your day's work, though there be but an hour of it; without allowing thoughts of anything else to interfere.

Take a volume of any classical work (in your own language), and study twenty pages per day. Go in for an hour's sport daily, or ten minutes of physical exercises at an open window.

At night think over what you have done during the day, or, better still, write up a diary every evening.

Believe in yourself, live for yourself, act according to your own judgment, and not that of others.

Cultivate a belief in the fatalism of Schopenhauer, and cease thinking of and regretting what cannot be altered.

"Try this cure for a fortnight," Dr. Urbantschitsch advised his audience, "and you will find that, instead of being a pessimist about life, you will become a firm believer in it."

14 AND 15 SEE LIFE.

"What's your cheapest room? We've only got 7s. left."

The question was fired by two luggage-laden sisters, Joan and Ella Fletcher, aged 14 and 15 respectively, at the booking clerk of the Empress Hotel, in the Strand.

They were accommodated. And incidentally they confided to the clerk that they had come to London to go "on the stage."

They set out on a round of the theatres.

Poppa arrived next day in a motor car and hustled them home to Orpington, whence they had departed with a £5 note.

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P. & O. Bank	£13 7/8 n	£13 7/8 n	£13 7/8 n
Bank of East Asia	£9 1/4 n	£10 n	£10 n
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Canton Insurance	660 b	650 b 660 s	650 b
China Underwriters	20 n	85 cts 9	85 cts 9
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	140 n
Union Insurance	284 n & s	285 b	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	40 n	40 n
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China Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
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MAKE-BELIEVE.

DRAMA'S PLACE IN
EDUCATION.

The final session of the Northern Education Conference at Liverpool was devoted to the subject of "Education and the Arts."

In his paper on "School and the Drama," Mr. C. W. Bailey, M.A., headmaster of the Holt School, Liverpool, said: "No one has taught or lived with little children without realising how strong is their power of make-believe. Fairy tales have no difficulties for them, for they are themselves the fairies. To break the iridescent bubble of their fancy by the intrusion of dull, disturbing fact is a sorry sport for adults. But if education is for life a fuller, richer, and happier life, let us allow them to embrace the opportunities the drama gives for fuller realisation of life. Let them live in imagination, a whole cycle of lives. The transition into a world of make-believe, the creation of a world peopled with noble presences, each of which exerts its unseen and unconscious influence on the life and character of the children, supplies them with ideals, and inspires them to right and noble action."

Mr. Bailey appealed for the opportunity of development by enthusiasm, and quoted from experience and from colleagues of the surprising success and beneficial results that had followed practical experiments in dramatic art in their schools. No plan, he claimed, was more useful in producing the "team spirit" in education than the school play. It unified the resources of the school, provided so many interesting things to do, called for so many different gifts, and showed how splendidly one art helped another. He who had been an amateur player would be a keener student. It deserved the greatest encouragement.

There was another paper on "Education and Artistic Industry," in which Mr. W. Marlborough

HEAVY DEMANDS.

A DIFFICULTY IN PLAYING
IBSEN.

Of all the parts, in other than quite modern plays, that any actor or actress of established position is likely at any time to be called upon to interpret none, I think, excepting those of Shakespeare, are more difficult, or make greater demands upon the player's resources than do those of Ibsen, writes a London correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor." The reason being that the Norwegian, in all his mature and most typical work, demands two very different and even strongly conflicting modes of presentation.

Ibsen is generally classed as a realist—"lord of the higher realists" being, if I remember rightly, the phrase applied to him by Miss Storm Jameson. That is a true description, so far as it goes. A realist Ibsen certainly is; and when you see him played as "Rosmersholm" has recently been played in London at the Kingsway, almost wholly in the realistic manner, a certain sensible though strictly limited, dramatic effect will be produced, because Ibsen, as a consummate master of stagecraft and of character-drawing, could develop, with exceeding vigour and skill.

But, as those well know who come away from the revival mentioned above, realism can reveal one side only of Ibsen's work, a side which almost certainly is, at the bottom, the one that interested him least of all, and that he cares to conceal himself with merely because, as a practical dramatist, working for his livelihood, he felt, and felt rightly, that a good human story was the best, and indeed, the only way of appealing to the larger playing public.

That story, then, he gave them; but always, behind the story, and often interwoven with it upon the stage, are thoughts and purposes

BRITISH ARTISTS.

SIR JOSEPH DUVEEN'S FINE
BENEFACCTION.

Sir William Orpen has explained that the anonymous benefactor who has undertaken to finance exhibitions of British artists' work at home and abroad is Sir Joseph Duveen. The exhibitions will be called "British Artists' Exhibitions," and Sir William Orpen has accepted the chairmanship of the committee of artists who will select the pictures. Exhibitions will be held at different centres in Great Britain and abroad in order to display the work of lesser-known British artists.

Sir William said the scheme seemed just what was needed to remove a severe handicap from which a great many British artists suffered. It would bring artists and the public into closer touch, and would give to the individual artist a much wider market for his work than he could otherwise obtain, except at a cost greater than he could generally afford.

Tragic Paradox.
"It is the tragic paradox of the artist's life," said Sir William, "that he cannot live by painting, but only by selling what he paints. And the average artist does not possess the haziest notions about salesmanship. When he is well-known his pictures sell themselves, but before he is known he can hardly even afford to bring them to the notice of possible buyers."

That is the problem which this scheme will attempt to solve. At the first exhibition, which is to be held in the Leeds Municipal Gallery, pictures will be priced on a scale likely to attract buyers, and no picture will be marked higher than £50. This will insure the unknown artist against the competition of men who can command high prices, and will tend to encourage an entirely new class of picture buyer. Hitherto members of the ordinary middle-class public have never regarded themselves as potential picture buyers, because the prices asked were out of proportion to their usual expenditure on decorative objects.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW THEATRE.

To Seat 3,000 Persons In
Comfort.

The largest theatre in Australia used for the production of musical comedy or drama will be completed next month.

This is the Empire in Sydney, which will accommodate 3,000 persons in comfort, one-third more than the present biggest theatre in that city.

It will embody the latest principles in theatre architecture. The New Orpheum Theatre, Los Angeles, has been taken as a model for the design. The Empire will be unique in that it will have no upper circle.

The stage, will be 42ft. wide, large enough to accommodate spectacular ballets, and an enormous number of artists, for whom 20 large dressing rooms furnished with hot and cold showers, will be provided.

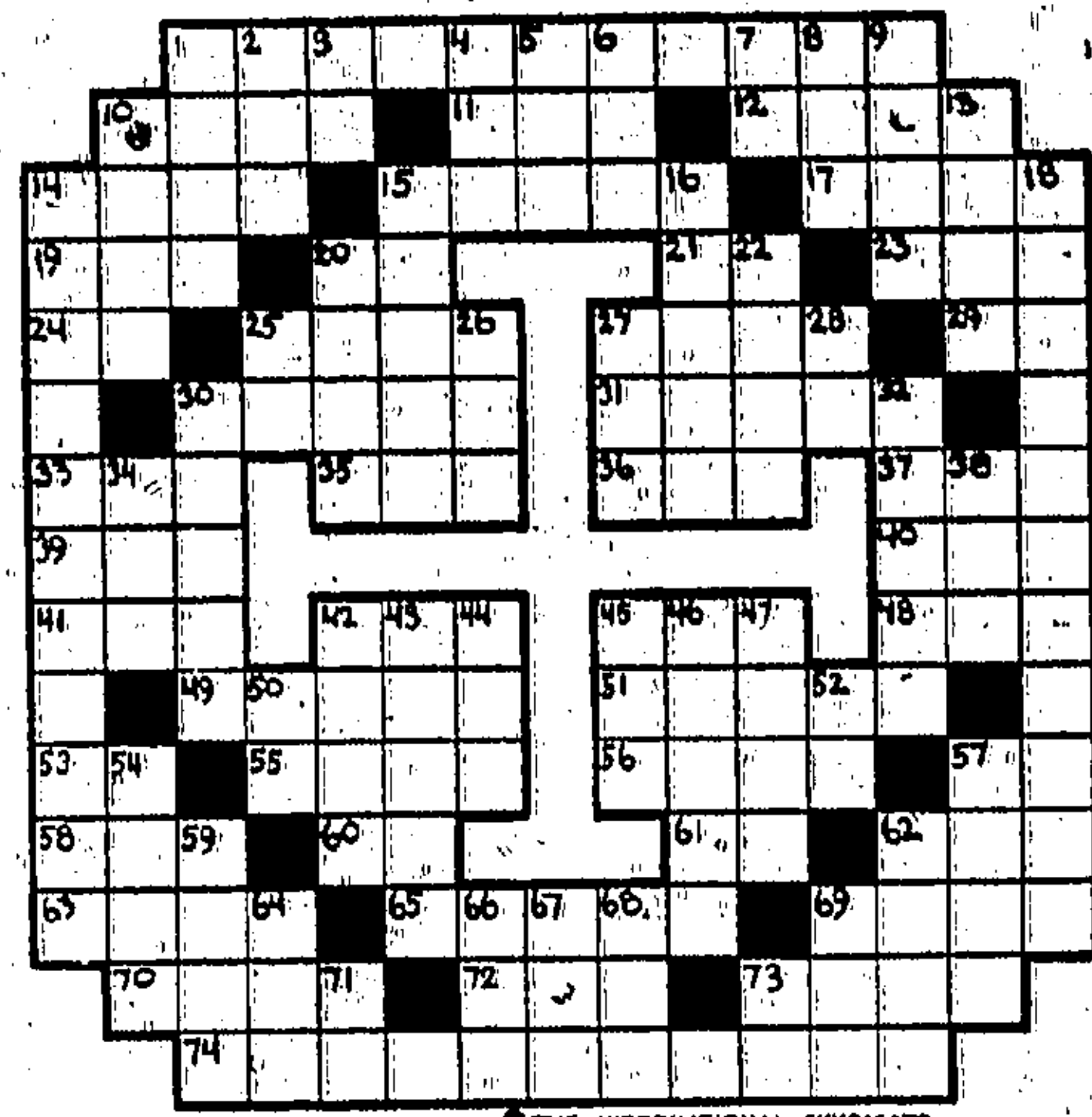
The work on the theatre was begun in June last year, and is expected to be completed two weeks before the opening performance on March 1.

"MAGIC OF GREASE PAINT."

"Could the Theatre Bring Back its Dead?" was the title Miss Constance Collier gave to an address she delivered to the Gallery First Nighters at the Duke of Argyll, Great Windmill Street, W. She reminded her hearers that she was of the fourth generation of the theatre, for her great grandfather played with the Keelies. Her mother used to take her to the theatre in a blanket and put her on the dressing-table among the grease paints while she acted. "Ever since then," added Miss Collier, "the smell of the grease paint has been as magic to me. Whenever I am depressed that dressing-room smell makes me a changed being." She had as a girl known Irving, and she had the privilege of acting with a generation that seemed to be vanishing, including Coquelin, of magical voice and speech in the great historical plays. There did

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

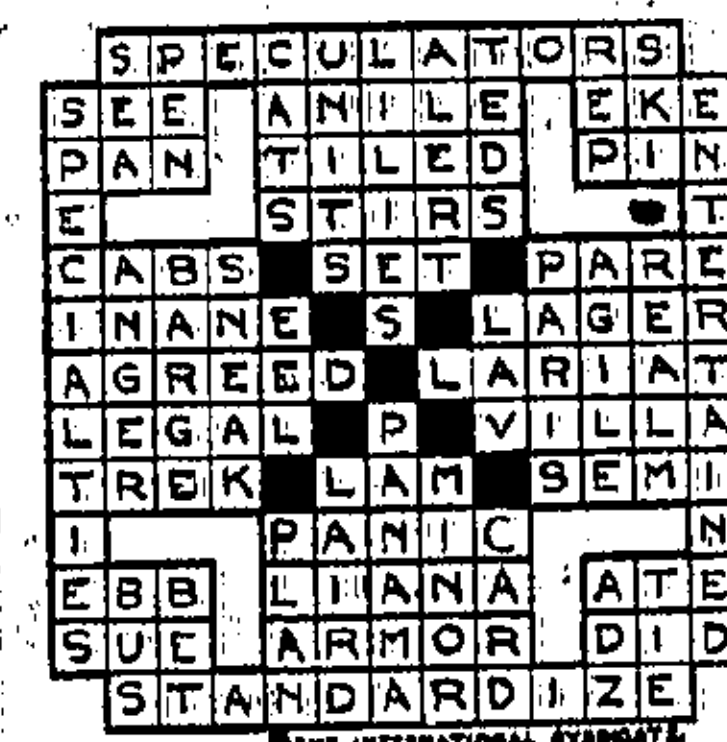
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-European country | 56-Stringed instrument | 16-Title of respect |
| 10-Aggravated | 58-Verbal | 18-Burdensome |
| 11-Beg | 59-Promissory note | 20-Horned animal |
| 12-A cereal grass (pl.) | (abbr.) | 22-Bour |
| 14-Minute particle | 60-Fifty-one (Roman) | 25-Senior (abbr.) |
| 15-Water vapor | 61-Conjunction | 26-Said |
| 17-Large package | 62-Reinous substance | 27-Sleeveless garment |
| 18-Wrath | 63-Slash | of Arabia |
| 20-European country | 65-Single thickness | 28-Myself |
| (abbr.) | 66-Combining form | 30-Part of the mouth |
| 21-Upon | Far | 32-Tolerated |
| 23-Dashed | 70-Period of time | 34-Ocean |
| 24-A copper coin | 72-Place | 38-Metal in natural |
| (abbr.) | 73-End | state |
| 25-Abide | 74-Affair | 42-Ancient sun-god |
| 27-First man | VERTICAL | 43-A month |
| 29-Before Christ | 1-Observe | 44-A serpent |
| (abbr.) | 2-Before | 45-Gone by |
| 30-Barter | 3-Topographical | 46-Mistake |
| 31-Exposes | Engineer (abbr.) | 47-Elevate |
| 32-Same as "ous" | 4-Established (abbr.) | 50-Interjection. What |
| 35-Obtain | 5-Drive | 52-The (Spanish) |
| 36-Amount (abbr.) | 6-Grassy meadow | 54-Sole |
| 37-Boy's nickname | 7-Negative | 57-Cloy |
| 39-Perceive | 8-Pat | 59-Regimen |
| 40-Sphere | 9-Heavenly body | 62-Thin |
| 41-House pet | 10-Classify | 64-Sailor |
| 42-Sheep-cry | 11-Flat piece of stone | 66-Farm animal |
| 43-Combining form. Alt | 14-Instrument for | 67-Yes |
| 45-Over (contr.) | observing small | 68-Et cetera (abbr.) |
| 46-Piles | objects (pl.) | 69-Also |
| 51-Avarice | 15-Garden tool | 71-Egyptian sun-god |
| 53-River in Italy | | 73-Gills (abbr.) |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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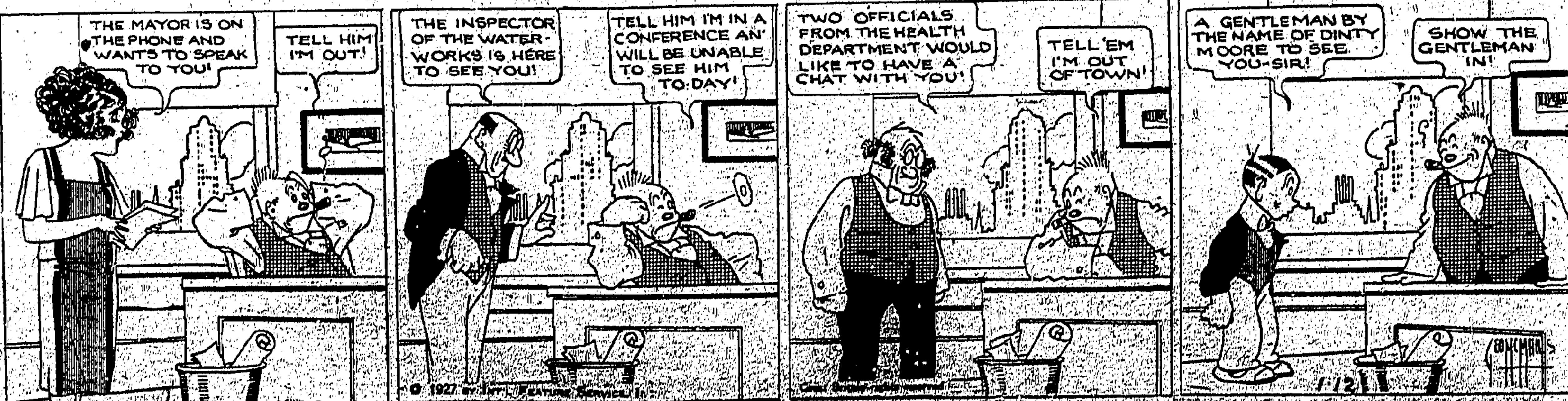
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A Leicestershire smallholder, Mr. George Cant, of Barkstone, is now 108.

The new Flushing-Harwich passenger steamship service have opened in place of the Folkestone-Flushing service.

With "Wishing you a happy New Year" written across it, a West Hartlepool man returned a summons for desertion to his wife.

Winner of many motor-cycling trophies, Miss Marjorie Cottle was married to Captain J. Watson Bourne, the racing motor-cyclist.

A pair of white gloves was presented to the chairman of the Devonshire Quarter Sessions at Exeter, there being no prisoners for trial.

Suicide during temporary insanity was the verdict at a Yarmouth inquest on Mr. H. J. Pond, 55, a Norwich town councillor, who was found drowned at Gorleston.

Vichy, the French health resort has just celebrated the 101st birthday of M. Alexandre Gravier-Dumousseau, whose grandfather was mayor of the town in 1791.

News was received by his relatives at Cheltenham of the death, while tent-pegging at Arrah, Bengal, India, of Captain Henry Rivett Cecil Guise, of the Indian Police, aged 43.

Having died within a few hours of each other, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn, both more than 80 years of age, were buried in the same grave at Penarth, Monmouthshire.

The dead body of Mr. Wilfred H. Scanthorpe, 44, chief officer of the steamer "Marguerite," whose home was at Caerleon Road, Newport, was found in the dock, at Barrow.

Collinward Castle, a mansion near Belfast, the residence of Mr. W. A. Green, a meat trader, was destroyed by fire, Mr. Green, his family, and the servants escaping in their night attire.

It was stated of Harry Parry, painter, sentenced to one month's hard labour at Walsall for cruelty to a puppy, that because the dog snapped after a motor-car had broken its leg he thrashed it with a belt.

Said to have become reconciled to his first wife, by whom he had been divorced, Frank Brown, of Bramley, was at Bradford ordered to pay £2 a week to his second wife, who summoned him for desertion.

In an explosion at the power sub-station of the Southern Railway near Lewisham Junction, three men were injured, Percy Edward Ford, 26, of High Street, Sydenham, being in a serious condition.

A photograph of his wife carried by him throughout the war was, by his last wish, affixed to the coffin at the funeral at Addlestone, Surrey, of Mr. Reginald Hawker, who died after a motoring accident.

William Birch, painter, said to have been drawing as dole 31s. weekly on and off for 3½ years, and to have refused an offer of regular work at 38s. a week, was at Walsall ordered to pay 25s. weekly to his wife.

Mr. Clement Edmund Brocklebank, Unionist M.P. for East Nottingham, is to marry Miss Grace Wise, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Arthur John Wise and Mrs. Wise, of Wold House, Nafferton, Yorkshire.

A sentence of a month's hard labour was altered to a fine of £10 each at Monmouthshire Quarter Sessions on the appeal of Godfrey Jackson and John Pullman, Pontypool miners, against a conviction for intimidation.

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A miner who gave evidence in a case at Newcastle-on-Tyne was granted 28s. for the loss of a day's work.

King Alfonso has signed a decree granting a general pardon to the artillery officers who were concerned in the military revolt in Spain last September.

George Watts, of Norwich, died in Northampton Hospital from injuries received when knocked down by a motor-car at Weedon, near Daventry.

John Melrose Wood, a native of Glasgow, shot himself dead near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, after killing his wife, to whom he had been married only a year.

A wolf bitch belonging to Mr. Philip Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Maidstone, gave birth to seven cubs at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., where a circus is being held.

To reduce the number of house sparrows, Manchester Parks and Cemeteries Committee have authorised the destruction by corporation employees of the birds' nests and eggs.

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The Hudson's Bay Company intend to build a large department store in Toronto.

There were 234 cases of drunkenness in Glasgow during the week, 100 fewer than in the corresponding week of 1926.

George Lavesley, a L.N.E.R. goods clerk, was fined £150 and ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution at Spalding for pilfering goods in transit.

Within nine hours of the death of her husband, Mr. Richard William Guest, 72, of Taunton, a Zulu War veteran, his wife, aged 65, died from shock.

The Astor Silver Challenge Shield, awarded by the National Baby Week Council for the best local Baby Week campaign in 1926, was won by Northampton.

Bournemouth Town Council has decided on a big extension of the sea front and to engage military bands for Bournemouth and Boscombe piers next summer.

A four-wheeled farm cart containing the body of Mrs. Martha Crowhurst, of Crookford Bridge Farm, Addlestone, Surrey, was drawn to the cemetery by her pony Peggy.

The Corporation of Portsmouth was summoned by two local tradesmen who objected to a proposed change in the name of the road where their businesses are. The objection was upheld.

While members of the Oxford fire brigade were at a dance recently, they received a call to a fire in the boiler room at the city baths and were at work on the outbreak within six minutes.

Rings, bracelets, and pendants, the value of which is believed to be about £150, were stolen from the shop of Messrs. Jay and Turner, jewellers, of Oxford Street, W., a hole having been made in the window.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
Japan & Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Hakusan Maru.
Straits	Gambhira.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Europe via Nagapattam (papers only, London 27th Jan.)	Kanagawa Maru.
Europe via Nagapattam (letters only, London 27th Jan.)	Albert Voegler.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Manila	Pres. Jefferson.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Wilson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln.
TUESDAY, MARCH 1	
Shanghai	Angkor.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	
Saigon	Paul Lecat.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
Tourane	Chung Kong 3.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung 4 p.m.
Hohow & Pakhoi	Jade 5 p.m.
Swatow	Alexander Killand 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 22nd March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (26th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Manila & Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Ruhr 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th March. Registration. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	
Japan	Hakusan Maru 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Tacoma Maru 10 a.m.
Straits	Pong Tong 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Chekiang 5 p.m.
Hohow, Quinhow & Tourane	Darry 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru 8.30 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kwangchow 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia 9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
Straits	Chakang 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Wilson 5 p.m.
Amoy	Autung 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 24th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15. Letters 5 p.m.	
Japan	President Jefferson. Gambhira 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

"LIKE A BOOK."

Foreign Legion Men's Adventures.

TO-DAY'S VAGRANCY CHARGES.

"He is a fellow-countryman of mine; I should like to take charge of him and will guarantee his good conduct until I can get him a passage to Bangkok," said a Latvian interpreter to Major G. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning, after his worship had commended Jean Paul Meint to the House of Detention.

Meint was charged by Det. Sub-insp. Elston with being in the Colony without any visible means of support.

Addressing his Worship, Sub-insp. Elston said that the defendant had called at the residence of Mr. Penny at No. 7 The Peak, where he produced a letter, written in English, which stated that he was destitute and needed money for food. Mrs. Penny interviewed the man and sent him to her husband's office in Alexandra Building, where Mr. A. Bowes-Smith handed him over to the Police.

Continuing, Sub-insp. Elston described the man as being a nuisance to the public, several complaints having been received of his having stopped people in the street. According to his story, which the Police had reason to doubt, the defendant had obtained \$70 from a stranger on the ferry and had sent his wife to Bangkok with the money. In reply to the interpreter's request to be allowed the custody of his complot, his Worship said that it would be necessary for the defendant to be formally committed to the House of Detention, where the Superintendent could be interviewed.

Walked to Wuchow. Francis Stukovink, a Pole, and Sergey Kovahl, a Roumanian, were next brought before the Bench on a similar charge to that preferred against the previous defendant.

Det. Sub-insp. Elston informed Major Wilson that the two men were deserters from the French Foreign Legion Camp at Kail Bang, French Indo-China. They had walked from Kail Bang—on the Indo-China-Yunnan frontier—to Wuchow, where the Chinese military authorities had given them passports to Canton. There were originally four deserters, but one was killed by a tiger and a fourth was drowned in the Canton River. After spending a few days in Canton, the two men obtained sufficient money from the Canton Police to enable them to reach Hong Kong, where they gave themselves up to the Hong Kong Police.

His Worship: Is that the uniform of the French Foreign Legion that they are now wearing? Sub-insp. Elston: Yes, minus the badges. Sub-insp. Elston told his Worship that the stories told by the two men "read like a book." They had certainly had some experiences, having been in the French Foreign Legion for a number of years, including five years in Morocco and Algeria. His Worship sent the two defendants to the House of Detention, ordering that the French Consul-General should be communicated with as soon as possible.

Members of the French Foreign Legion are seen in Hong Kong so seldom it is a small coincidence in a way that the two mentioned above should have arrived here while a picture is being screened in the Queen's Theatre dealing in part with the French Foreign Legion. The men mentioned above have been in Algeria, which is the setting of "Wages of Virtue," the picture in question.

AMATEUR ROBBERS?

OVERLOOK \$150 IN NOTES IN A SAFE.

AN OLD MAN TIED UP.

Four men called at 286 Des Voeux Road Central yesterday evening on the pretext of looking for a friend. Promptly seizing and gagging an old man—the only occupant of the premises at the time—they relieved their victim of the key of a safe from which they extracted \$308 in cash.

It is believed that the robbers were either amateurs or that they were disturbed for in the same safe, hidden underneath some books, was \$150 in notes and a quantity of jewellery worth several hundred dollars.

THE MARQUIS DE PINEDO.

Pernambuco, Feb. 24. The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived at Port Natal—Reuter's American Service.

Pernambuco, Feb. 24. The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived here—Reuter's American Service.

BAD COINS.

CHINESE YOUTH'S QUANT EXCUSES.

CANTON STREET FIND.

Charged with uttering and possessing a number of counterfeit 10 cent pieces, a Chinese carpenter pleaded "not guilty" when brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Divisional Inspector A. Clarke informed the Magistrate that shortly before visiting the shop where he attempted to pass three of the coins, the defendant had gone to another shop in the neighbourhood and bought ninety cents worth of matches. The shop-keeper was out at the time and his wife took the coins—9 ten cent pieces—without questioning the defendant. Upon his return, the shop-keeper discovered that the coins were bad, and went out into the street in search of a youth carrying matches. In the street the man found the accused with three other men having an argument over the coins. Accused ran away, throwing a number of the coins into the harbour. Some of these were recovered by witnesses.

After hearing evidence of arrest his Worship asked the accused what he had to say. In reply to Mr. Lindsell the accused said that he had picked up the money in a street in Canton. (Laughter). Mr. Lindsell: Do you honestly and sincerely wish me to believe that?—Yes. Mr. Lindsell: Why did you throw the coins into the harbour?—I didn't want anyone to pick them up and get into trouble. (Laughter). His Worship passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

THE RACING SPIRIT.

IN EVIDENCE EVEN IN COURT.

"THE LAW CAN WAIT."

There was a "Racy" atmosphere this morning about the weekly fixing of Summary Court cases, for hearing during the coming week. Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Russ, when asked if Tuesday would do for certain cases in which they were interested, both indicated a preference for later dates.

His Honour (Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl) remarked with a smile that there "seemed to be some sort of objection" to hearing cases next week!

A PIRACY AND THE RACES.

The "Hanoi" piracy case was again mentioned in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chief Det. Insp. Murphy applied for a further remand.

Insp. Murphy informed his Worship that the "Hanoi" would be in port again on Monday, but he did not know whether the races would affect matters.

Mr. Lindsell: What! Affect the ship?—No the officers. A remand in Police custody until Monday was ordered.

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CHIT FROM A CLUB.

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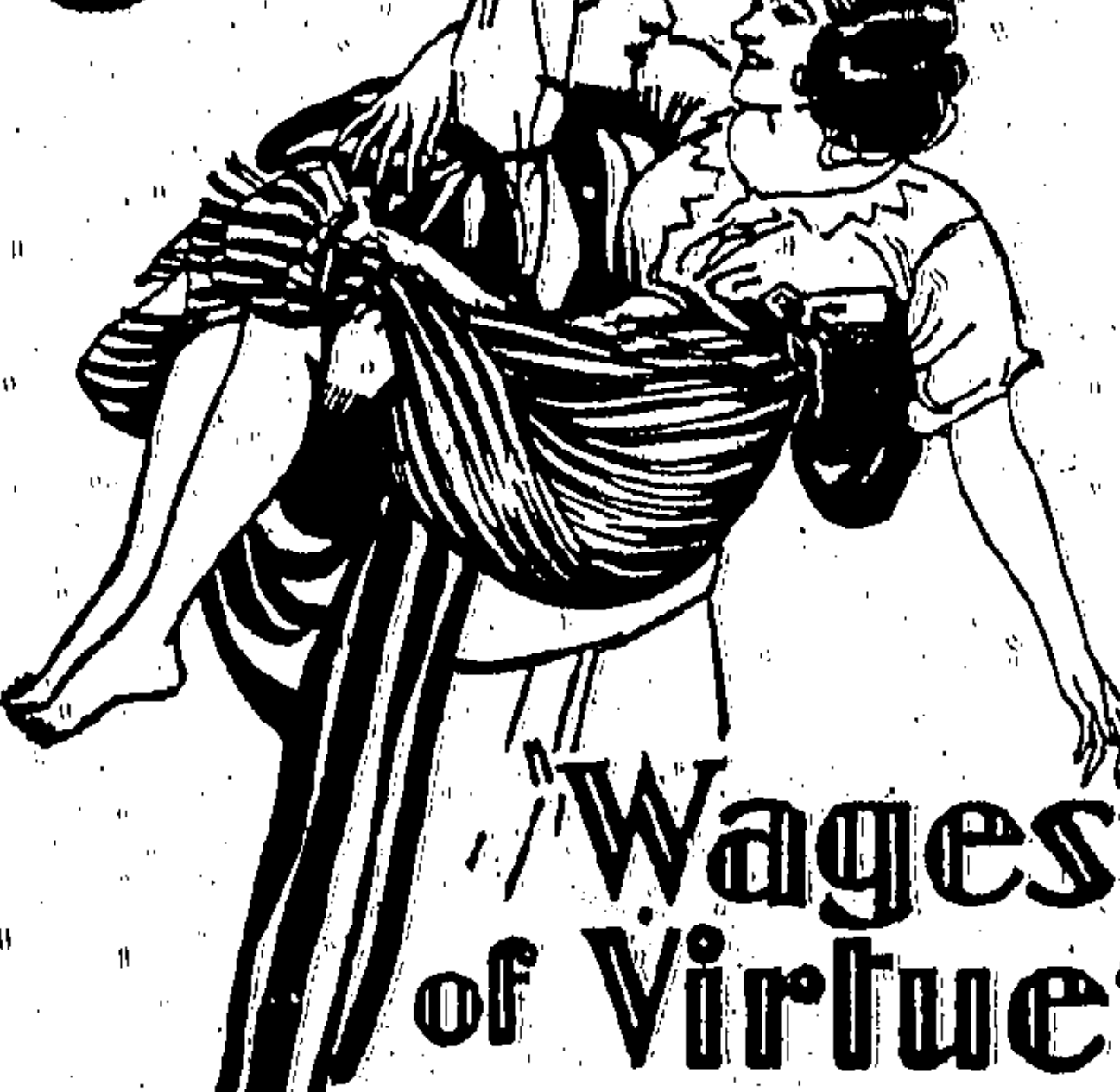
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Hong Kong Station, Feb. 24, 1927.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

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